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descendants of Edward Riggs - Roxbury, Mass. 1633.

Desc - Son of Isaac - New York State - Western Migration.

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Foreword.

Before 1910, Rebecca Jeannette Riggs (Aunt Jeannette) had spent years of research in gathering information and had written four books all by hand, on the family history herein given. One copy was in the possession of the late Mr. Hiram Pardotte Riggs, Gloversville, N. Y. One by Mrs. Jeannette Alderman, daughter of C. Alfred Riggs.

The information as copied is to be placed in the Daughters of the American Revolution Library; the Daughters of the American Colonists Library and the Wyoming State Library.

Revisions and corrections have been made by Grace Rice. It is hoped that in the future this information may be included in a book along with data relating to allied lines.

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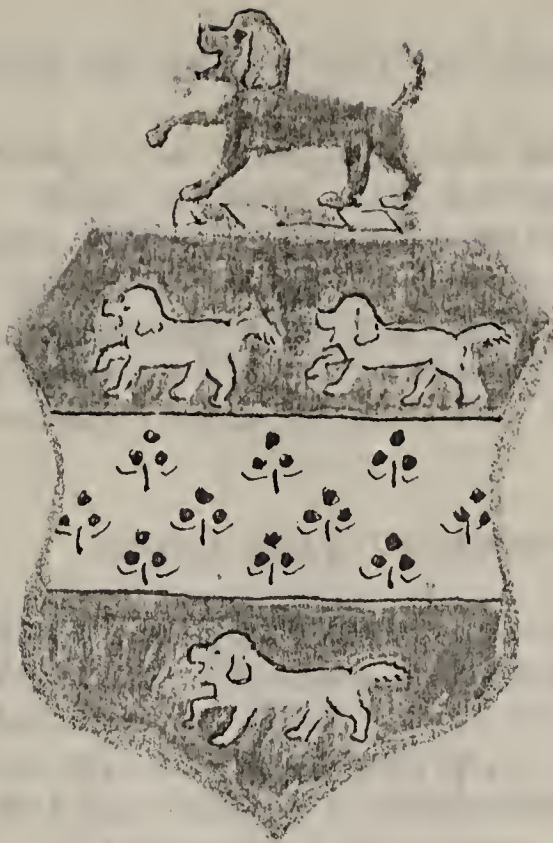
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Riggs

Description, Gules, a fesse, vair, between these three water spaniels, argent. Crest.: a talbot, passant, gules, eared, or holding in mouth a bird-bolt of the second/plumed argent.

(or)

Gules, red color.

A fesse, band of metal across the shield.

Vair, figures on fesse.

Argent, silver color.

Crest, figure above shield.

Talbot, dog, blood hound.

Passant, running.

Eared, ears of different color from body.

Or, gold color.

Bird bolt, an arrow with a flat end which killed birds without breaking body, plumed, feathered like arrow.

FOR THE ORDER OF AMERICANS OF ARMORIAL ANCESTRY.

Members are invited, the invitations being signed by a member and a director. Then blanks are issued which have been filled out in every detail; dates, references as to the grant, confirmation, or recorded use of arms in the Mother Country. The papers are like books and the Registrar has to pass upon each one. The fee \$35 (life membership) gives the insignia. In 1908 there were 60 members and the fee was to be raised.

RIGGS COAT OF ARMS.

The RIGGS ARMS are registered in the Heralds College, London, England. It is said that a Riggs was knighted on the battlefield by Richard I, Cour de Lion. The Baldwins, in their origin, were close to Royalty. The young Baldwin killed at Roncesvalles being a nobleman. The Alsop arms are also very fine. Elizabeth Alsop was wife of Richard Baldwin.

The crest, or figure at the top, is the part used for seals. A die has to be cut. According to the English law of Heraldry, it cannot be used by a woman, but Americans are a law unto themselves and make use of it, even tho engaged in business which is quite against English rules.

The descendants of George Riggs (8) are eligible according to age and sex to the following.

Sons of the Revolution.

Daughters of the American Revolution.

Children of American Revolution

Order of Armorial Ancestry

Colonial Dames.

Clark Riggs (8) was a soldier in the war of 1812, which gives his children acclaim to the societies of 1812.

EDWARD RIGGS Founder of Family in this Country.

Edward (1) came from England and settled at Roxbury, Mass. (now a suburb of Boston) early in the summer of 1633. Family, wife, four daughters and two sons. In three years his wife, son John, and two daughters died. Edward was a Puritan in belief and practice, for he was made a freeman, which means a voter - a privilege granted only to church members. From his will dated Sept. 2, 1670, it appears that only three lines of descent survived him, and that all his children were dead except Mary Twitchell. His daughter, Mrs Allen, left a daughter Elizabeth. His first bequest is "That to my daughter-in-law, my sonne Edward Rigges, his wife and "to my four grandchildred, my sonne Edwards Children." He was born about 1590 and his long life came to a close in 1672 leaving a good name as the inheritance of the thousands descended from him. His first wife, Elizabeth, died in August 1635. Later he married a second wife, also named Elizabeth, of whom all is known is that she died in 1669. No children from this union. His children were as follows:

Edward (2), born about 1614, m Elizabeth Roosa. D 1668. 4 children.
Lydia, B 1616, D, August 1635.
John, B, 1618, D, 1634.
Elizabeth, B, 1620, D, August 1634.
A daughter, born 1622. M, Mr Allen, left a daughter, Elizabeth.
Mary, born about 1625. M, Mr Twitchell.

EDWARD RIGGS (2) * The Sergeant.

Edward (2), son of Edward(1) was born in England about 1614 and came to this country along with his father and family, landing in Boston, Mass. in the early summer of 1635. He assisted his father in preparing a new habitation and in taking care of the sick until April 5, 1635, when he married ELIZABETH ROOSA, quite a young girl, a daughter of a family of that name who had come over from England and settled in Boston. In August of the same year, his mother died and how long he remained assisting his father is not known, but he soon set about establishing a home of his own. In 1637 he was a sergeant in the Pequot War and greatly distinguished himself by rescuing a body of his companions from an ambush into which they had been led by the Indians and in which they would have all perished. On account of the notable act of bravery and skill he was called "Sergeant Riggs" as long as he lived. (Reference-"Hubbards Indians Wars" pp 33-34.) In 1640 he became a settler at Milford, Conn. and had land assigned him. In 1654, associated with Edward Hooster, Richard Baldwin, Abel Gunn and perhaps others the district of land known as Naugatuck, then known as Pangusset, some 10 or 12 miles above Milford was bot by them from the Indians and a plantation established which was called DERBY. The location of Sergeant Riggs is still known as "Riggs Hill". On this hill which is still in the possession of his descendants he placed his habitation and built a strong stockade, as a protection against the Indians. Mrs Emma Riggs Cairns of New York City and Saratoga, visited Derby in the latter part of November 1905. She says "I visited the site of the old fort house where Edward(2) sheltered the Regicides and saw opposite the log substantial house which was the Riggs homestead for 200 yrs. They are high up on the hilltop. Then I went to the graves of Ebenezer Riggs and his wife, Lois Gunn. We are descended from

three of the four founders of Derby, Edward Riggs, Richard Baldwin, and Abel Gunn, the first house stood by the rock a few rods from where the present residence stands and in this house "Sergeant Riggs" secreted and protected Goff and Whaley, two of the English Parliament that condemned and executed Charles I, while the emissaries of Charles II were making most diligent search for them all along the Conn. coast in 1661. "In being protector of the Refugees, the Riggs family will be held in lasting honor by the true lovers of constitutional liberty." (From "Staley's Regicides.") While Edward was not a member of the church and consequently not a voter, this brave act in the face of the vengeance of the re-established English throne assures us of two points in his character; that he was governed by his convictions in considering human rights, and that his sympathies were with the Puritans in their struggle for liberty with the mother country. In such a character it is not difficult to understand that he should mentally rebel against law which excluded from the exercise of the rights of citizenship those not church members. Here we find the probable motive for his change of location in the advanced years of his life, when he left Connecticut and became one of the founders of Newark, N. J. This view is further corroborated by the following account of the founding of Newark, N. J. in Cooks Pen Pictures of America". "In 1666 a body of discontented men of Connecticut headed by their pastor, Abraham Pierson, journeyed to the Passaic Meadows and bot their land of the Hackensack Indians for 120 pounds, 12 blankets and 12 guns. In early life their pastor had preached in Newark in England, for which place he had a great affection and the Jersey settlement was given the name." In 1666, Edward spent most of the summer in Newark preparing for the advent of the proposed colony and his wife was with him, the first white woman to spend a summer in Newark. The fundamental agreement was executed June 24, 1667. The colony was quite large. His two sons, Edward and Joseph, were designated as "planters", that is, original proprietors. In 1668, Edward died, thus ending a "life full of deeds" if not of the years lived by many of his kindred.

The children living to maturity:

Edward, b. about 1636, m. Mary (family name unknown). Baldwin
SAMUEL(3), b. about 1640, m. Sarah Baldwin, daughter of Richard /
Joseph, b. 1642. m. Hannah Brown, daughter of John Brown.
Mary, b. about 1644. m. George Day. The first daughter born to
the House of Riggs in this country to whom were born the following;
Paul, George and Samuel.

SAMUEL RIGGS. (3).

SAMUEL (3)(son of Edward (1)Edward (2), was born at Milford, Conn. about 1640. When his father removed from Derby to Newark, N. J. Samuel was left in possession of the "Riggs Hill Farm" and other property about Derby. In 1667 he married Sarah, daughter of Richard Baldwin of Milford. His wife Sarah died and he married Sarah Ashburn, May 6, 1713. He was a man of intelligence and substantial ability, and was honored by his neighbors as long as he lived. He was a representative in the legislature several years and a justice of the peace. He also held a commission of ensign for the colonial government for a number of years. His death is recorded in 1738, age 98 years. He had a family of nine children, all by his first wife.

Elizabeth, born June 1668.
 Samuel, born October 8, 1670.
 Sarah, " 1672, died the same year.
 Sarah, " 1674, m, Johnathan Lunn.
 John, born April 1, 1676, m, Elizabeth Tomlinson.
 Ebenezer (4), born Oct. 15, 1678, m, Lois Gunn, d, 1712.
 Edward, b, Oct. 7, 1680. m, Abigail Nichols.
 Hannah, b, Feb. 24, 1683, m, Abraham Harger.
 Joseph, b, Feb. 22, 1686, d, Oct. 22, 1707.

(The old homestead "Riggs Hill Farm" still in the family, remained in the Riggs name for over 200 years, until the death of Joseph Harry Riggs, Dec. 31, 1879. Then the only surviving child of this couple, Charlotte C. Riggs DeForest, inherited the property.

EBENEZER RIGGS. (4).

EBENEZER R RIGGS (4) (son of Samuel, Edward, Edward) was born at Derby, Conn. in 1678. He was a prominent and active citizen of his day and was sometimes called Captain. He was a deacon in the church. His father, before his death deeded to him a well improved and valuable farm of 200 acres at Oxford, Conn. where he made his home. About 1705 he married Lois Gunn, daughter of Abel Gunn (one of the founders of Derby, Conn.) and Miss French. She was born about 1680 at that place. Ebenezer died May 11, 1712. Interred in the colonial burying ground. His children as follows:

Ebenezer, b, about 1708, m, Rachel Peck of Waterbury, Conn.
 Lois, b, July 10, 1709.
 John (5), B, Dec. 27, 1712, m, Hannah Johnson.

Ebenezer's widow, Lois ^{Hawkins} Gunn, married for her second husband, Samuel Wheeler and became the ancestress of General Joseph Wheeler who died in 1906. Her third husband was Abraham Tomlinson. She died at the age of 87 years.

JOHN RIGGS.(5)

JOHN RIGGS (5)(son of Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward) was born at Derby, Conn. Dec. 27, 1712. He married Hannah Johnson, Oct. 29, 1734. She was the daughter of Lieut. Ebenezer Johnson and Elizabeth Hine, who was the ~~xxxxxxx~~ grand daughter of Col. Ebenezer Johnson and Hannah ^{Hawkins} Tomlinson. Hannah Johnson gives us a very distinguished ancestor for the "Colonial Dames". Their children;

John (6), born Aug. 31, 1735. m, Abigail Peet, Aug. 27, 1759.
 Edward, " Apr. 24, 1737. m, Lois Osborn of Waterbury.
 Hannah, " Nov. 7, 1738. m, Noah French, June 12, 1755.
 Moses, " May 26, 1740. d, July 16, 1740.
 Anne. June 14, 1741.
 Jabez, " June 28, 1744.

JOHN RIGGS (6). MINUTE MAN.

JOHN RIGGS (6), (son of John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward)

was born at Derby, Conn, Aug. 31, 1755. Married Abigail Peet, Aug. 29, 1757. The traditions of the family go to show that he lived at Oxford, Conn. and owned a sawmill at that place. There was a hill or mountain at the rear of his home where it was supposed precious metals were found. He was one of the Minute men in the battle of Lexington. (Particulars and authority given in "Application for Membership for D.A.R.") In the early years of the 19th century he moved with his family to Oneida Co, N.Y. After the Revolution this branch of the Riggs family, wealthy and prominent heretofore, lost their property and removed to New York where their descendants have had to begin all over again, meeting with varied success. About 1820-22 he took up his residence with his son, James at Turin Lewis Co., N.Y. where he died, May 1823 and was buried on farm 4 1/2 miles from Turin Village. Age, 68 yrs.

His sons;

James (7), b, Nov. 9, 1758, m, Sarah Clark.

John, b, about 1760.

From Oxford Church Records.

John, Jr. & Abigail Riggs admitted to full communion, Mar. 18, 1759.

James, son of John, Jr. baptised March 15, 1759.

JAMES RIGGS (7) REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER.

James Riggs (7), son of John Jr., John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, (Edward) was born at Oxford, Conn. Nov. 9, 1758. In 1778, he married Sarah Clark, who was born Aug. 7, 1777 at Woodbridge, Conn. and died at Turin, N.Y., Dec. 26, 1825, buried at the same place as John, Jr. James afterward removed to the town of Lee, Oneida Co, N. Y. and married Mrs Cleveland who survived him many years. He drew a pension, being a revolutionary soldier. In later years he was a Methodist in his form of worship and belief.

His children all by his first wife, as follows:

Rebecca, b, Feb. 23, 1780. m. Ball.

Sarah, b, Jan. 27, 1782. Eloped at 16 yrs (George Derimore) d, 1855.

Abigail, b, May 29, 1784. Died Feb. 23, 1806.

George, b, Dec. 4, 1786. m, Aug. 22, 1804. Phoebe Canniff.

James, b, Apr. 10, 1789. m, Miss Carrington of New Haven, lived at Dexter, N.Y.

Clark, b, Apr. 12, 1791. (Married twice). First - Thankful Spinning.

Hannah, b, Aug. 17, 1794. (Married thrice) Moulton, Penny & Durin.

Taken from Wallaces "Riggs Family".

From Town Records, Woodbridge, Conn.

James Riggs & Sarah Clark, married at Woodbridge, Conn. on Feb. 25, 1778.

Sarah Clark, daughter of	
George Clark.	Sarah Clark.
b, 1729.	b, 1732.
d, 1799.	d, 1805.

From Church Records,

George Riggs, son of James and wife Sarah, baptised Apr. 1, 1787.

James Riggs and Sarah, his wife, joined the covenant July 16, 1787.

James Riggs, continued.

* * * * * Good birth is one of the greatest blessings. He (James) said that there were three brothers, one of whom settled in Conn., another in

New Jersey and still another went south. These three brothers were evidently the sons of Edward (2) who came with Edward (1) and the rest of the family from England, settling in Roxbury, Mass. in 1633. As stated above, Edward (2) moved about a great deal. He was one of the founders of Derby, Conn. in 1654, in 1666 one of the founders of Newark, N. J. When he left Derby, Conn. he gave his Derby property to his second son, Samuel, our ancestor. His youngest son, Joseph, was prominent in civil, military and church affairs in Newark. Edward, his eldest son, is said to have been wealthy, having a faculty for acquiring property especially land, but a deed given by him in 1700 is the last positive date concerning him, and there is no record of either his death or that of his wife. He was undoubtedly the one who went south. James Riggs (7) could have supplied the missing links. He kept track of all the three families and could give the names of all the 300 Riggs then living. He particularly names the Washington family. He also boasted that among them all was not a murderer, drunkard or a cripple. The Riggses when in health, usually have the hearty Anglo-Saxon appetite-for food but are not dissipated. There is a Riggs family named in Wallaces Genealogy who have the same coat of arms. One of them, Francis E. Riggs of Washington, D.C. he writes up the family for the genealogy says, "I have always been convinced that the N.E., N.J. and Maryland clans are of the same common origin and that their origin was English." This Riggs says one reason he cannot prove it is that the attention of his family ~~was~~ was paid more to the mothers family and records were not kept of the early Riggs ancestors.

The name appears in the public records of England as Rygge, Rigne, Rigges and Riggs. Family came from Strangle-Thorne, County Lincoln and Middlesex, England. The manor of Farham, Southampton was once in the possession of the family. James (7) was a remarkable man physically, very tall, had double teeth all around and never had toothache. By the way, his wife, Sarah Clark, had rather a deleterious effect upon the family both physically and mentally. The Riggses before her time were tall, strong and very optimistic. She was short, stout and always looked upon the dark side and borrowed trouble. Charlie (10) is about the only one of Hiram (9) children who resembles the great grandfather. From our great grandmother we many of us inherit the short stature and stout figure, while the disposition in most cases seems to be a mixture.

GEORGE RIGGS. (8).

George Riggs (8), son of James, John, John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward) was born at Oxford, Conn. December 4, 1786. The Riggs family which had been prominent and wealthy were reduced financially by the Revolution. Consequently George had few educational advantages and was apprenticed to learn the shoemakers trade. In those days apprentices were bound for seven years or at least until twenty-one. He ran away from Conn. before his time had expired and came to New York State. In fact his eldest son and third child, James, was born when George was twenty one years old. His first wife and the mother of his children was Phebe Canniff. She was said to have been of Scotch extraction. They were married Aug. 22, 1804. He was tanner, carrier & shoemaker. During the war of 1812 he made shoes for the govt. by contract.

He was well known for his honesty. His first wife died Feb. 27, 1823. There were seven children. He married for his second wife, Sarah Wells or Willis, who survived him by several years, dying in Rome, N. Y. Oct. 6, 1855. Fortunately there was no issue. I say, fortunately, as insanity was hereditary among the females of the Wells or Willis family. Mrs Sarah Wells Riggs was a most estimable woman but was subject to spells of melancholia during which close watch had to be kept over her to prevent self destruction. George Riggs was a genial, wise and witty old gentleman and a most delightful grandfather. He spent most of his life on his property in Westernville, a hamlet in the town of Westerlo, 11 miles from Rome, N. Y. where he died July 24, 1881. Age, 58 years.

THE HOMESTEAD.- - - There were several acres of meadowland extending to the banks of the Mohawk. The Black River Canal bounded one side of the property, which consisted besides of a fine apple orchard, a large garden thru which coursed a little rivulet, the joy of my heart in my childhood when visiting the old place. There was also a tract of land opposite with a tenant house and ten pits and charming wildwoods, the shop was in the same yard as the house. Tho denied the ordinary school privileges he had learned to read and write and thus secured the key of knowledge which opened to him its treasures, especially of literature; his penchant was for the sublime and having marvelous memory he would often recite whole chapters of the Bible, long quotations from Miltons Paradise Lost, his favorite epic, and from other authors. I shall never forget the old house with its great fireplace, grandfathers clock and other interesting objects, not forgetting the well filled bookcase, nor the rambles thru the fields and woods and down to the Mohawk in summer where I felt that I made myself immensely useful by gathering the white pebbles from the shallow river bed, heating them redhot in the coals of the big fireplace, then removing and plunging into cold water and finally pounding into white scouring sand for grandmothers use.

CHARACTERISTICS. He was highly respected for his integrity and was Justice of the Peace for many years, being known as Squire Riggs thruout the country. He seems to have been both a wise and affectionate father. I have heard my adopted father, Dr James Riggs relate an incident which occurred when he was a little fellow of seven to which he attributed his own great horror of dishonesty - - He was sent on an errand to a neighbors, passing thru the cornhouse, a beautiful red ear attracted his admiring gaze and when he went home, he took it with him. On his arrival he was questioned as to his prize; when he learned the circumstances, grandfather gave him a great lecture on the sin of stealing and ended by saying "Now take that ear of corn back and tell the folks you stole it." He said he ran back with it as fast as possible and flung it into the cornhouse but didn't stop to "tell the folks he stole it". The only time he ever whipped any of his children was once when James and Hiram brot in some angleworms and dropped them into the hot ashes to see them squirm. Father said the lecture on their cruelty was much worse than the whipping. The year 1816 was, I believe, the year without any summer. Ice formed every month in rills and on road sides, fruit was particularly scarce, but grandfather paid \$2 for some apples that his children might have something in that line, tho a great delicacy under the circumstances, the apples were of such a quality that in ordinary times they would have been fed to the pigs. Grandfather was very fond of apples, and the dish of big red apples and pitcher

of cider were a feature of the winter evenings at the old homestead. Grandmother who was of a saving turn, one day picked over the fruit and brot up some specked ones for immediate use, but pretty soon grandfather came upstairs bringing a plate of the finest, on being remonstrated with, he said he did not know of anyone who had a better right than himself to the best fruit from his orchard.

CONCLUSION. He became a Free Mason and was very high in the order, thirty something degree. The Masonic Ritual is not confided to print, so it requires a great memory to rise in the order. He had a very fine apron, also a medal, a masonic jewel, as I believe, the proper term, very peculiar and ornate. In his later years he was afflicted with cataract but was relieved by an operation. George Riggs and his wives are buried side by side, in the Wells Burying Ground, Western, N. Y. The name of the town is Western and Wallace in his genealogy got mixed, thinking the western part of the state was meant saying that "he died in Western New York and nothing is known of his history".

HIS CHILDREN,

1. Sarah, born June 10, 1805 at Western N. Y., married at Watson, N.Y. by Rev. Carter to Rev. John B. Goodenough of Watertown, N.Y. There she resided until her death, July 1865 and was buried there. No children. Not a happy marriage,

2. Maria, born at Western, N. Y., Sept. 11, 1806, married there to Eli Doud of Turin, N.Y. who was born at Amsterdam, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1790, died at Rome, N.Y., Aug. 1876, Maria died Jan. 4, 1895. Both are buried in Rome Cemetery. He was a successful farmer but retired from active life in 1858 when he moved to Houseville, N.Y. where he lived til 1865, then moved to Rome, N.Y. 11 children.

3. James Riggs. Born Dec. 25, 1807, married Rebecca Fryer, Jan. 17, 1831, at Norwich, NY. She was born at Albany, NY, June 12, 1805. James Riggs died at Jordan, NY, Jan. 19, 1890 and his wife survived him 55 years, dying at Troy, NY, Feb. 1, 1895. Both were buried in Jordan Village Cemetery. No issue, but one child by adoption, the daughter of his brother Hiram and his first wife.

4. Hiram Riggs. Born July 11, 1810 at Western, died June 11, 1860 at Canajoharie, N. Y. and buried in Jordan Village Cemetery. Married, first, Lucinda Phelps, daughter of Benjamin Phelps, Nov. 1833, at Hannibal, NY. One child, Jeannette Melinda, adopted by his brother, Dr. James Riggs and her name changed to Rebecca Jeannette. He married second, Margaret Dievendorf, daughter of Henry Dievendorf, at Root, Montgomery Co., NY who survived him 37 years, dying Nov. 15, 1887, at River View Farm on the Oswego River, near Euclid, Onondago Co., NY, where she lived with her son James Riggs, and was buried in the Village Cemetery at Phoenix, NY. 5 children by second wife.

5. George Caniff, born Aug. 19, 1811 at Western. Died, Jan. 16, 1892. 6. Pamela, born July 22, 1818, at Western, NY, died at Jersey City, N.J. Aug. 22, 1888. Married Jan. 30, 1838, at Western, NY, to Milton Dewey of Turin, NY, where he was born, Mar. 23, 1818, died Nov. 2, 1897 at Conklin, NY. 9 children.

7. George, Jr. born Jan. 3, 1820 at Western, NY, died Aug. 20, 1835. at Jordan, NY. buried in the Village Cemetery where repose the three brothers, sons of George Riggs, Sr., James, Hiram, George, Jr., also George Riggs, son of Hiram, Margaret Ann, daughter of Hiram, Mrs. Rebecca Fryer Riggs, wife of Dr. James Riggs, and her mother, Mrs. Christiana Brooks Fryer.

Female descendants of George Riggs (8) are eligible to the Colonial Dames, thru Richard Baldwin, father of Sarah Baldwin, wife of Samuel Riggs (3) and Col. Ebenezer Johnson, grandfather of Hannah Johnson, wife of John Riggs (5) and probably there are others.

George Riggs (8)	(James Riggs (7) Sarah Clark	(John Riggs (6) Abigail Peet	(John Riggs (5) Hannah Johnson	(Ebenezer Riggs (4) Lois ^{Hankins} Cann Lt Ebenezer Johnson Elizabeth Hine
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Samuel Riggs (3) Sarah Baldwin	(Edward Riggs (2) Elizabeth Rooser Richard Baldwin Elizabeth Alsop Col. Ebenezer Johnson ^{Hobbrook} Hannah Tomlinson	(Edward Riggs (1) Elizabeth - Sylvester Baldwin Sarah Bryen	(Sylvester Baldwin, Sr. Jr. Jane Wells.
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Application for Membership to the Daughters of the
American Revolution.

Name, *****

Descendant of James and John Riggs.

I, _____, being of the age of eighteen years and upwards hereby apply for membership * * * * * line from James Riggs who was born in Oxford, Conn. on the ninth day of November, 1758 and died in Lee, Oneida Co., N. Y. on the 23 day of September, 1835.

Hiram Riggs, born July 11, 1810. died June 11, 1850 and his wife Lucinda Phelps, born July 2, died July 27, 1855, married Nov. 1833.

The said Hiram Riggs was the son of Squire George Riggs, born Dec. 4, 1786, died July 24, 1851 and his first wife Phoebe Caniff, born, _____ died, Feb. 27, 1823, married Aug. 22, 1804.

The said George Riggs was the son of James Riggs, born Nov. 9, 1738, died, Sept. 22, 1835, and his first wife Sarah Clark, born Aug. 7, 1757, died Dec. 26, 1825, married March 25, 1778.

The said James Riggs was the son of John Riggs, born Aug. 31, 1735, died May 1825 and his wife Abigail Peet, born 1738, died, 1825, married Aug. 29, 1757.

and the said James Riggs and his father, John Riggs, are the ancestors who assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of a private soldier and non-commissioned officer (Sergeant).

James Riggs, first served as a member of the second company of the 7th Conn. under Col. Charles Webb, from July 10, 1775 to December 21 of the same year. This regiment was raised by order of the Conn. Assembly at the July session in 1775. Its companies were stationed at various points along the sound until Sept. 14 then on requisition from Washington, they were ordered to the Boston Camps and there assigned to Genl Sullivan's brigade on Watch Hill and remained there until the expiration of term, December 1775. It was afterwards adopted as continental.

Then on the 6th of April, 1777, my * * * grandfather re-enlisted in the Humphrey Company of the 6th Connecticut and served during its entire service, three years, being discharged April 6, 1780.

His father, my * * * grandfather, John Riggs, born Aug. 31, 1735 at Derby Conn. (History, Derby) married Aug. 29, 1757, at Oxford, Conn. to Abigail Peet (History of Oxford, p. 30), died 1823, Oneida Co., New York, was among those who responded to the Lexington Alarm in April 1775 and went with others to the relief of Boston, serving as Sergeant for the period of the call for men, two days.

JAMES RIGGS, M.D. (9).

James Riggs, (son of George, James, John, John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward) was born in Western, N.Y., Dec. 25, 1807. Became a teacher at seventeen and by teaching, and clerking in Rome, N. . obtained money to educate himself for the medical profession. He studied with Dr. Harold Pope at Rome, N.Y., was first licensed by Fairfield Medical College at the age of 21. Was a very successful progressive physician at Jordan, N.Y. In 1843 he attended the Albany Medical College and obtained its diploma also, thus utilizing a period of enforced retirement from active business occasioned by a severe injury to his knee which threatened permanent disability. He was highly esteemed by the college faculty and given every privilege and vastly increased his store of knowledge. Just at the end of his course he met with an accident in the dissecting room which was followed by blood poisoning and only the most skillful treatment saved the wounded finger, perhaps also his life. He was the most prominent physician in the region where he lived, even having patients from a distance. In the early part of his professional career occurred the last severe visitation of cholera in this country. He went thru the ordeal but was finally attacked by the disease, however by the mercy of God, he recovered and several more years of usefulness were added to his valuable but not very long life. He was always studying, taking advantage of new publications and discoveries, and was quite ingenious in supplying the deficiencies which in the then state of medical science often confronted the medical practitioner, especially in the country, in cases of accidents. For one patient who had been kicked in the mouth by a horse and whose jaws were almost annihilated, he, by his ingenuity and such help as village metal workers could give, made a frame by which the jaw was permanently reconstructed and held in place while the wounds healed. Once he had a peculiar case: an Englishwoman who, with her husband, had come to this country early in life. They were evidently of the lower class, they had accumulated considerable property. The woman had a dream one year in the spring in which an angel told her she was going to die on a certain day in June. As the time drew near she became very ill. Dr Riggs, their family physician was called, but no treatment seemed of any avail, she continued to grow worse. The husband followed the doctor out after one of his visits, and said, "I think she is going to die." The doctor replied "I am afraid so, she has been so impressed by her dream". The man continued the conversation and finally said "If she dies, I think I will go back to England". He then explained that there was an unmarried woman there whom he meant to get for his next wife. He seemed to be somewhat uneasy in conscience however and said that he thought perhaps he ought to speak to his wife about it. The doctor caught at the suggestion as a crowning man a straw and said "Certainly you ought to talk it over with your wife, it wouldn't be right not to do so." The woman didn't die! but survived her husband by many years. Jan. 17, 1851, Dr Riggs married Rebecca Fryer at Norwich, N.Y. She was the daughter of John Fryer, Sr. (English) and Christiana Brooks (N.Y. Dutch). She was born in Albany, N.Y. June 12, 1815 and survived her husband by 35 years, dying in Troy, N.Y. Feb. 1, 1890. and was buried in the Jordan Village Cemetery by the side of her husband. She had enjoyed superior social advantages, being the favorite niece of her father's only sister, Mrs Anna Fryer Armitage, the wife of Amock Armitage, a younger son of Sir Elkanah Armitage, an English baronet, who came to this country to seek his fortune with such success that he enjoyed many years of prosperity in New York City. His house was the rendezvous of aristocratic foreigners, especially English.

The Episcopal Bishop Armitage of Wisconsin was his grandson. Rebecca Fryer Riggs spent many happy days in the Armitage home enjoying the highest and most cultivated society the metropolis afforded. She was very handsome and dressed with great taste and the highly cultured was so energetic and versatile that she could adapt herself to the task of assisting her husband in his career in what was then a new country, Central New York. Where poverty, sickness or trouble came, she was always present with assistance, counsel and consolation. The doctor was a very handsome man, in fact they were very distinguished appearing couple. The Clark portliness in his case did not degenerate into obesity as he was a little above the medium height and well-formed. He had a remarkably high and broad forehead, very fine, dark, almost black, silky hair, gray eyes and had inherited the lily and rose ~~complexion~~ complexion of his sandy-haired Scotch mother. He continued to wear the ruffled shirts which were in fashion in his early manhood and which were so becoming that when he attempted to change to the later fashions, so strong a protest was raised by his friends that the idea was abandoned. The doctor was very popular, he had but little of the Riggs brusquerie, being very genial, diplomatic, humorous, witty, a fluent conversationalist and an interesting raconteur of a large fund of anecdotes and experiences. In the sickroom his manner was so cheery that his patients used sometimes to say that if he only came in and looked at them they felt better. In his family he was a most bountiful provider and a most indulgent husband and father. He was a generous contributor to church and other objects, very kind to the poor and would lay in a large stock of vegetables and other provisions for the colored people who worked for him and who, before New York emancipated her slaves, had belonged to the Albany and Schenectady families. One, I remember especially, "Old Mooney", she had been the body servant, or as we say now, the maid of Mrs Riggs mother. The doctor was very kind to dumb animals. One day he received a letter from the Rev. J. B. Goode-nough (his sister Sarah's husband) couched in scriptural language commanding the doctor to Joseph and telling him that it was his duty to take his father home to live with him and that grandfather's property ought to be sold and the proceeds divided among the heirs. As to step-grandmother, he dismissed her scornfully as not worth providing for. That was the last intercourse between the brothers-in-law as doctor sent the letter back to him by return mail. The greedy old man was as old, if not older, than grandfather and grandfather was living on his own property, acquired by his own efforts without asking or receiving any assistance from his children. His sense of justice was also shown by his treatment of the Indians, never allowing one to be turned away unaided, saying that this had been their country once, that they had been deprived of it unjustly and grievously ill-treated. He was very patriotic and especially interested in all matters of national and governmental importance, and always read aloud to us the President's message. A life-long Democrat, he never neglected any civic duty, always attending the town meetings (primaries) but I never knew him to work at the polls except on one occasion, something had frightened some of the democratic workers, and he was so disgusted at their cowardice, that for once he broke the rule he had set for himself as a physician and went electioneering. He was very particular in the use of language and one thing that showed the breeding of the New York Rigges was that tho they lost their property and the next generation or two had few educational advantages, except what they gained by their own efforts, they retained the cultured use of the English

tonne to which they had been born. I will remember his criticism when home on my first vacation from boarding-school, that I had acquired the school girl habit of exaggeration. The Rigges are often witty. Dr Riggs mental activity was not confined to his professional and civic interests, he never wasted time, notwithstanding his heavy practise (doctors in his day did not have special hours but were at the beck and call of their patients day and night, Sundays and weekdays) but sometimes he had a few spare hours or even minutes which he utilized to indulge his love of literature inherited from his father. On a Sunday evening he would read sermons to us or the Bible, especially his favorite prophet, Isaiah, for he too had a love of the sublime. Current events, discoveries, inventions, interested him intensely, then again it was the facts of history, the wonderful genius of Shakespeare, the humor of Dickens; always something to keep his mind fresh, increase his knowledge or cultivate his taste. Another good example to be followed by the later generations should be his great reverence for his father; I am happy to say that I have noted that virtue, unusual in these days, to be a characteristic of many of the Rigges in our branch and it has, where practised, been followed by happiness; while the contrary course brings ruin to all concerned. He was very proud of his family and cherished the memory of their traditions, especially those which he had learned from his grandfather, James (7), the Revolutionary Soldier. In religion, an Episcopalian, he took a prominent part in founding Christ Church, Jordan, of which he was always either warden or vestryman. I do not think however that he took any great interest in theological arguments, but he had a great respect for God and Religion, and always attended Sunday Service whenever practicable, thinking it, as he said, disreputable to absent oneself from public worship without necessity. He had a great horror of destructive annihilation, and also a disgust for the crime of suicide, thinking it the part of all to face with fortitude the vicissitudes of life. He preserved the same hostility of sentiment towards Great Britain and the oppressors of this forefathers in this country that had animated them in the Revolutionary struggle for freedom. A characteristic incident showing the beauty of his nature was the following; When Dr Riggs went to Jordan, he took the place of a young physician who had died after six months residence in the village; he was buried there, far away from home and kindred, and during the quarter of a century that Dr Riggs lived, he cared for that lonely grave as if it had been that of a brother. Having no children of his own, in 1836 he adopted Jeanette Molinda, the motherless daughter of his brother Hiram, whose name was changed to Rebecca Jeanette and upon whom he lavished all his affection and every advantage procurable. It is the child of his adoption who now this July day of 1908, in the 74th year of her life, pays this tribute of affectionate remembrance that this early death may not prevent the sweet fragrance of his noble life from pervading the family atmosphere, that he may arouse among the younger generations an emulation to copy his virtues. He died, Jan. 19, 1895, of heart disease from which he had suffered for many years, a few days after the 47 anniversary of his birth, universally regretted and to this day there are still many in Jordan who cherish his memory with affection.

HIRAM RIGGS (9)

Hiram Riggs, Esq. (9), (son of George (8), James, John, John, Benjamin, Samuel, Edward, Edward) was born at Western, N. Y. on July 11, 1810. He taught school to obtain money for his legal education, was admitted to the bar and practised law at Hannibalville, N.Y. where he married Lucinda, daughter of Benjamin Phelps, Nov. 1833. They had one daughter, Jeanette Melinda, born March 3, 1835. After the death of his wife, July 27, 1836, he removed to Jordan, N.Y. where most of his professional life was spent. His daughter was adopted by his brother, Dr James Riggs. March 7, 1837, he married Margaret Diefendorf, daughter of Henry Diefendorf of Root, N.Y., who survived him 37 years, dying Nov. 15, 1887. In 1846, he removed to Canojoharie, N.Y. where he is still remembered by the elderly inhabitants as an able attorney. Hiram Riggs was one of the most generous contributors to the foundation of Jordan Academy and a trustee of that institution during his residence in Jordan. In religion, a Presbyterian, in politics, a democrat. He died at Canojoharie, June 11, 1850, just one month before his fortieth birthday and was buried in the village cemetery at Jordan. The two brothers, James and Hiram were devotedly attached to each other and resided for many years in the same village, Dr Riggs on main street and Squire Riggs on the "Point". The families kept up a close intercourse, usually taking tea weekly at each others houses alternately. The Fourth of July was generally spent at the doctor's where the central location gave the best view of the parade and the fireworks. Oh those Fourth of July celebrations, how they live in my memory. No noise those days until midnight, when the bells and cannons announced the advent of the glorious Fourth. About an hour of jubilation, then quiet until daybreak when the bell ringing and firing were resumed. The parade was usually military, marching to the strains of martial music, the floats were one or more decorated wagons loaded with girls symbolically dressed and carrying flags to represent the various states. One Fourth, coming on Sunday, the celebration was postponed till Monday, the Fifth, which is Emancipation Day in N.Y. state, the day she abolished slavery within her borders. The negroes had a very pretty float in the parade that day, a ship in which were some cute little negro boys attired as sailors. The parade finally marched to a grove or an orchard where seats and a platform had been erected. The Declaration of Independence was read and a patriotic oration delivered by the orator of the day, then followed the banquet often spread on rustic tables in the grove itself, and finally the fireworks in the evening. Of the group at those family reunions, "I, alone, am left to tell the tale", James and Charlie were not yet born and all the rest have passed away. One Fourth it was so cold that when evening came, a fire was lighted in the big, old parlor fireplace, and we sat in comfort watching the fireworks thru the closed windows. Another day, one of the last, little George fell asleep and no efforts were made to arouse him. The children, Henry and I, quite enjoyed the occasion as we were allowed the unusual privilege of making all the noise possible. But George could not be awakened so his father had to carry him home while his mother carried little Margaret Anne. This was a peculiarity of his early life, and any brain specialist would have argued from it complete immunity from brain troubles. Sleep is considered "tired Nature's sweet restorer."

In those early days another great occasion was "General Training," but that too fell into disuse as the law allowed for a small fine to dispense themselves from this duty. One that I remember was that on the Fourth was always pleasant weather. Now we have so many wet days and spoiled celebrations, due I am sure to the incessant firing and explosions for a month or two previous, which jars the air and condenses the moisture. Heavy firing is the method used by the "rainmakers". But the military spirit subsided as the old revolutionary soldiers passed away and the eagerness for making money supervened. The celebrations degenerated into fireman's parades, Sunday School picnics, fillibustering antics or were entirely omitted. The two brothers, James and Hiram tho so devoted to each other and having many Riggs traits and physical features in common, were yet very different in many respects. Hiram was stout, but not quite so tall as his brother, with gray eyes, dark hair and sallow complexion. He was very dignified and stately in his manners and conversation, tho this last was often permeated with a grim humor. He too had the same love of literature which distinguished his father and brother. A very serious man, a Presbyterian with much of the unbending Puritan conscience. I think tho that like the Doctor his religion was more of life and conscience than any particular belief in the especial form embraced; that is I do not think either of them cared for theological arguments. Lawyer Riggs was very rigid in his views of right and wrong-sometimes going to extremes. For instance, when living in Jordan where he had three buildings, home, tenent house and office, he refused to insure on account of religious scruples, tho after he removed to Canajoharie,- I understand he conformed to the common usage. He was noted for his integrity; he did not have two consciences, a Christian conscience and a lawyer conscience. To illustrate;- One day a man came to engage him for a lawsuit, but on stating his case unfolded such a scheme of villiany, that the Squire was horrified and drove him away, exclaiming;- "You scoundrel Get out of my office. How dare you come to me with such a proposal The "Cottage on the Point" is still standing but the last time I saw it had been modernized I could hardly recognize a familiar feature. It was in a large lot- there were many fruit trees, a flower bordered path led to the porch which had seats each side, and a door opening into the parlor. In front of the parlor was a little flower garden in the form of a large circular bed with a path around it and rose and gooseberry bushes next the fence. On the other side of the house was a small orchard and back a large vegetable garden. A cherry tree stood near the back door and at its foot was a black currant bush- the other currants were at the foot of the garden. There was also a lane leading from the street to the barn. The parlor opened on one side into a large spare bedroom as large as the parlor, and on that opposite the front door into a alcove leading to the living room. Off the living room was an equally large bedroom. The windows of the living room looked out on the garden, there was a door leading to an entry which opened on one side to the kitchen, off which was also a bed room and on the other to the washroom, woodshed and so forth. This entry was about a foot higher than the back part of the house and was our favorite playroom when the weather was unsuitable for the garden. A stairway led from the living room to the upper floor where were what is so unusual now, plenty of garret room and storage facilities and also I believe, another bedroom. The Squire took great delight in his home and continually added new conveniences, he had an asparagus bed, quite a rarity in those days, also a smoke house and so forth. I think if he had a

favorites among his children they were his eldest son, Henry of whose intellect and progress, he was very proud, and little Margaret Ann, the only daughter of his second marriage, a very lovely child. She met with a serious accident on one occasion. The parlor fire had been kindled the first time in the fall and the little one had learned to walk. In her experience, the stove had been always deliciously cool, she put her little hands upon it and was painfully burned. Shortly after her second birthday, the father's darling was stricken with cholera infantum, one Monday morning and died Wednesday afternoon. One peculiarity of Hiram Riggs was that he could no longer endure any place where he had suffered bereavement; when his first wife, Lucinda, died, he immediately left Hannibalville, so now the death of little Margaret Ann caused him, as soon as possible to leave Jordan, going to Canajoharie where the remainder of his life was spent and his youngest son was born. The mother of George (8) Riggs children died young- I do not know any particulars- but it seems perhaps that her sons may have inherited some weakness of constitution from her. The girls all lived to be old women. The danger is from overwork. Lawyer Riggs had for six weeks been preparing for court where he had important cases coming on. One night there was a disastrous fire in Canajoharie and his office which was down in the village burned with all its contents, including the laboriously prepared briefs. It was only two weeks to court and in that time he made up all this work with the assistance of one clerk during the regular hours. His wife said that during that time, he stayed at the office sometimes working all night, not coming home till breakfast. He never rallied from the consequences of the terrible strain and in the time of the lilacs passed away. He was brought to Jordan and buried in the village cemetery where reposed the remains of his young brother George, Jr. and little Margaret Ann. Here is a warning. The Riggses are often very robust in appearance, strong and healthy- and yet they must not overstrain the nervous system. His early death made a great difference in the fortunes of his sons. Henry, the only eleven at the time he was deprived of his father, was very mature and had been so carefully instructed by him as to acquire a bent to which was undoubtedly due his love for literature and his success in life. Had Lawyer Riggs lived, his sons would have been college-bred and have been able by their increasing influence as he arose in his profession to take a high position in the world and society. The second son, George, was however the most affected by the loss of his father. He had both intellect and wit, but was of a peculiar disposition which needed the discipline, knowledge of life and high ideals which he would have attained under the guidance of an affectionate but wise, firm and serious minded father whom he must have both loved and looked up to with respect and reverence. But Hiram Riggs was not only a wise and affectionate father but a loving and indulgent husband. Neither he nor his wife cared much for what is called society. His delight was in his home and his loved ones. Oh those halcyon days of wedded life, those twelve years undimmed by any cloud until the death of little Margaret Ann. It was an ideal marriage and Hiram was an ideal husband, not only a bountiful provider but also one who chivalrously shielded his wife from every annoyance and himself bore all the burdens as far as possible; and Margaret responded to this devotion with all the ardor of her affectionate nature. She was as the clinging vine to the sturdy oak. But death laid low the sheltering support and the poor wife thus early bereaved entered

upon her long dreary widowhood of thirty-seven years. Margaret was not only affectionate but she had also a conscientious devotion to duty which undoubtedly kept her from sinking under the heavy burden so suddenly thrust upon her. She had enjoyed the (at that time) unusual advantages of a boarding school education which was shown to the last in her legible, stately letters, so correct in orthography and grammar and in adherence to the formal rules of epistolary correspondence as taught in those days. She was always very kind and loving to me and stood my friend when I needed one- the only reference she ever made to the peculiar circumstances was once, "I wish, Jeannette, if you were going to change your religion, you had become a Presbyterian." She never seemed to get over the shock and loss she had sustained, but was always anxious, worrying, fearing every event in life. Another sorrow as well as probable loss to her children was the sudden death of Dr James Riggs, less than five years after the death of her husband. He had been a true brother to her in her need. Had he lived and prospered he would have assisted the sons of his beloved brother in their start in life- probably adopting or at least educating his namesake, James. When her sons became of age, she unwisely divided her property among them. Better always ~~xxxxxx~~ practise the old Dutch proverb, "Keep the loaf under your own arm". However she had elected to live with James who was most devotedly attached to her and her declining years were peaceful and happy. They lived at River View farm on the Oneida River, a beautiful spot, in the midst of many others like it, two miles from Tugliid, five from Phenix, a short distance from Three River Point (confluence of Seneca, Oneida and Oswego Rivers) with beautiful scenery both land and waterscape in easy reach. A lively location in summer- campers, houseboats, and excursions on the river or its shores. A year or so before her death her heart was gladdened by the coming of her son Charley who had been in the west seventeen years, and whose visit was made the occasion of a family gathering when once more in this life she was surrounded by her loved ones. She was very happy when friends and relatives visited her but as she grew older the strain on her nervous system seemed to increase, and her anxiety on these occasions lest something be omitted or lest everybody was not perfectly comfortable was truly pitiable. The recipients of these attentions were not always grateful; seeming rather fretted or moved to derision. To me however it was a subject for tears rather than annoyance. But after a long illness came the end when soothed by the words of her favorite psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd" which James read at her request, she passed thru the Gate of Death to dwell forever amid the green pastures and beside the still waters her fluttering anxious heart forever at rest in the Bosom of her God.

Hiram's Children.

Rebecca Jeannette, Dau. of Lucinda and Hiram, b. Mar. 5, 1835 Hannibal ville
 Henry Diefendorf, b. June 16, 1839. m Jane Anne Vessels, Nov. 25, 1857
 d April 1907.

George, b July 13, 1841 at Jordan, m Mary Ella Bell, Oct. 14, 1863.
 d June 14, 1908. Ovid, NY.

Margaret Ann, b July 10, 1843. d Aug. 20, 1845.

James, b Nov. 25, 1845. m Alice Smith, Oct. 26, 1869. d Aug. 18, 1901.

Charles, b at Canajoharie Sept. 17, 1848. m Lillie Stovitts, June 1-71

HENRY DIEFENDORF RIGGS. (10).

Henry Diefendorf Riggs (10), son of Hiram, George, James, John, John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward) was born at Jordan, NY June 16, 1839. His childhood and early youth were spent in Jordan, Canajoharie and Root. He was a remarkable man of intense individuality, inheriting from the Riggs side of the house a great love of literature, decided opinions, a scorn of conventionalities bordering almost on brusqueness, and from his Dutch ancestry marked financial ability and capacity for acquiring property, a quality often absent among the Riggses. Nov. 25, 1857 he married Jane Anne Wessels at Root, N.Y. He was a most loving husband and father. He taught school with great success and was Justice of Peace for several years in the town of Root. But he finally devoted himself to cultivating his farm near Argusville, NY. He was a poet of no common ability but valued his products so little that only by the care of relatives have any specimens of his writings been preserved. He wrote only for his own amusement or on the occasion of some domestic festival among his friends and neighbors. He died on one of his farms near Canajoharie, April 29, 1907 after a long illness, when death came he met it with the dignity which had been prominent in his life. Internment in Mapleton Cemetery.

He had but one child,

Herbert Wessels Riggs, b Oct. 26, 1860, m 1st Hattie M. Crosby, 1884 who died 1888. m, Anna E. Lofton, 1894.

HERBERT WESSELS RIGGS. (11).

Herbert Wessels Riggs (11), (son of Henry Diefendorf, Hiram, George, James, John, John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward) was born at Currytown, N.Y. Oct. 26, 1860. Started out in life like so many of this branch of the family, as a teacher, later devoted himself to farming and hop growing near Blaine, N.Y. Was Justice of Peace in that locality for upwards of sixteen years. March 5, 1884, he married Hattie M. Crosby of Luykers, N.Y. who died at St Lukes Hospital, New York City, Nov. 28, 1888. In 1894, Aug. 16, he married Anna E. Lofton of Allison, Tenn. Herbert shortly before the death of his father was stricken with a serious illness which made a great change in his future plan of life. He was obliged to repair to a sanitarium and submit to serious operations which were fortunately successful but necessitated the giving up of the laborious work of farming, and he moved to Canajoharie in 1907. He finally resumed his former occupation of teaching for which he is well fitted both by his previous experience and also by the love of books and literature inherited from his father, grandfather and great grandfather. But one of his finest traits is his affectionate veneration for his father and his pride in him. Most young people of these later years consider themselves quite superior to their parents. * * * * * In the late teens and early 20s Herbert was engaged in the hotel business, for a while in the Monark Hotel in Schenectady and later in the Adirondacks off N.Y. Died -

His children,

Hiram Burdette, b Dec. 5, 1884.

Henry Lofton, b March 2, 1897. Died -

HIRAM BURDETTE RIGGS. (12)

Hiram Burdette Riggs (12), son of Herbert Wessels, Henry Dievendorf, Hiram, George, James, John, John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward), born December 5, 1884. On the death of his young mother he was adopted by his grandparents, Henry D. and Jane W. Riggs, was graduated from Canajoharie High School, taught for two years and is now (1909) student in the second year at Albany Medical College where so far he had made a fine record. In personal appearance he bears only a slight resemblance to his immediate ancestors but a stronger one to his great great uncle, Dr James Riggs, and like him has enthusiastically chosen the medical profession. He has entered upon his life work with every promise of wordly success.

HENRY LOFTON RIGGS. (12).

Henry Lofton Riggs, (12), son of Herbert Wessels, Henry Dievendorf, Hiram, George, James, John, John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward) was born March 2, 1897. He received special mention at the first of Hiram's descendants to be enrolled in the C.A.R. At his initiation in Feb. 1909 he delivered Lincolns Gettysburg Address with great credit receiving much applause. The C.A.R. furnishing the entertainment to the D.A.R. on Lincolns 100th anniversary was a notable event in Canajoharie social circles. The only twelve years old Lofton already evinces literary and artistic tastes while his interest in historical studies show him to be a true Child of the American Revolution.

(A mothers life was saddened at the death of Lofton while only in his twenties. He had become a wonderful musician and showed great promise of making a wonderful name for himself. He was splendid on his violin and marvelous at the pipeorgan.

GEORGE RIGGS (10).

George Riggs, ~~XX~~ (10), son of Hiram, George, James, John, John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward,) was born at Jordan, NY, July 13, 1841. His childhood and youth was spent in Jordan, Canajoharie and Root. He had but few educational advantages but managed to prepare himself for teaching in the intervals of farm work. In the spring of 1863 he went to Jordan where he taught for a year. Oct. 14, 1863 he married Mary Ella Bell, daughter of Gabriel Bell of Jordan, N.Y. In the spring of 1864 he entered with great enthusiasm upon his chosen lifework, farming, near Meridan, NY. As the sound sleep of his childhood was still a peculiarity of his manhood, there was some anxiety as to the consequences if his wife should be taken ill when they were alone in the house but this anxiety proved groundless as her faintest call to him for help immediately aroused him from the slumber no other voice could penetrate. He was naturally of a lively disposition and generous nature; as before stated when Dr James Riggs died no settlement was made on the Wills of Hiram Riggs, who were all under age. When George Riggs became of age he visited his aunt and half-sister in Jordan, freely signing off his share to his aunt Rebecca and also giving his sister Jeannette a present, generous for his means. He had an active mind and was very witty, tho lefthanded he became by practise ambidextrous and evinced great facility in drawing, especially in the line of caricature, a talent highly valued in these days by its possessors on account of the pecuniary rewards awaiting its successful operator. He was a strenuous worker and in his early married life used to get up moonlight nights and work in the fields. He also taught winters for many years. All of which was unwise, helping to strain the nervous system, and with temperamental peculiarities and domestic infelicities, his life was wrecked and that life entered upon with such bright hopes and joyous enthusiasm went down in sadness and gloom at Willard Asylum, Ovid, N.Y. June 13, 1908.

His Children-

Eliza Bell, b April 23, 1865, married David Asshur Gallant.

Jennie Hastings, b June 3, 1871.

Mary Gabrielle, b Oct. 22, 1872. d April 13, 1899. Gabrielle was a superior character and a trained nurse of exceptional excellence, but early fell a victim to overwork in her chosen profession, aggravated undoubtedly by the break up of the home of her childhood.

Eliza Bell Riggs Gallant (11) daughter of George Riggs, Hiram, George, James, John, John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward) was born at Meridan, N.Y. on April 23, 1865. Married David Asshur Gallant on Sept. 27, 1894 at Meridan, NY. Her married life has been spent on the farm near Cato, N.Y. where she devotes herself to her wifely duties and the careful education of her children.

Her Children,

Kenneth Asshur, b July 18, 1897.

Burton David, b May 14, 1899.

JAMES RIGGS.(10).

James Riggs (10) son of Hiram, George, James, John, John, Ebenezer, Edward, Edward) was born in Jordan, N.Y., Nov. 25, 1845. In physique, James was short and slender resembling both sides of the house in some of his features. He was graduated from the Syracuse Business College showing great aptitude for a financial career, but finally took up farming, tho he also taught school several terms. During the Civil War the blood of his patriotic ancestors stirred in his veins and he enlisted but as he was only seventeen at the time his mother was able to prevent his departure. The occasion of his becoming a farmer was that his brothers wanted their share of their mothers property during her lifetime and she elected to divide it and make her home with James who was to pay his brothers their portions and support her during her lifetime. He was a most devoted son, in fact all his kindred were dear to him and like his mother his greatest pleasures were the visits of relatives and friends. But he had a special love for his brother, Charles, nearest him in age. Tho saving and with a natural desire for property, he had a strong sense of justice. When he came of age he signed off his interest in Dr Riggs estate to his Aunt Rebecca and, when angered at my change of religion, she willed the bulk of the real estate to George, James and Charles, he signed off to me also. When his wifes grandmother died, he and his wife signed off their interest in her estate to Loretta, the grand daughter, who had devoted herself to the care of that aged relative. Had I been the daughter of his mother, James could not have shown himself a more loving brother than he did during the whole of our intercourse. Not only was I always warmly welcomed at Riverview Farm, but it was my home during the summer of 1877 while awaiting my appointment in the Troy Public Schools, and moreover as years went on, James urged me repeatedly to give up teaching and make my home with him. Tho diffident and sensitive as I have often noticed to be the case with short men, he was decided in his opinions and never hesitated to declare them. He was very fond of children and I think perhaps the greatest disappointment of his life was that he had none of his own. He wanted to take one from an asylum but his wife was opposed to the idea. He was very kind to animals, petting cats, dogs, horses, any animal in fact that belonged to him. Oct. 26, 1869, he married Alice Smith, daughter of Dr Gerritt Smith of Phoenix, N.Y. His farm of about 30 acres was very fertile and beautifully situated on the banks of the Oswego River about three miles from the confluence of the Seneca and Oneida, 2½ miles from Euclid. He had a laborious life with no pleasures except perhaps the consciousness of rendering mothers declining years happy. He might have been a prosperous business man but he was hampered, first, the property agreement which confined him to the farm for so many years when he was obliged to work hard to pay the heirs, and also his physical constitution which was not sufficiently robust for the labors of farm life. His farm was too small to afford the employment of a steady farm hand, that locality is a region of small farms, and the neighbors helped each other by changing work. His services were freely given. He took the hardest places and accomplished most of any. His last illness was the result of overdoing which brot on a sunstroke followed by serious complications and by want of proper care and inferior medical attention. His wife moreover was so devoted to her family that she would not consent to any change, consequently his business education and aptitude were so much wasted treasure and his constitution gave way under the prolonged and arduous strain. He died at Riverview Farm, Aug. 18, 1891 and was buried at Phoenix. No issue.

CHARLES RIGGS. (10).

Charles Riggs (10), son of Hiram, George, James, John, John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward) was born at Canajoharie, N.Y., Sept. 17, 1848. Charles is a typical Riggs of the original stock before the Clark strain, tall, optimistic; like his great grandfather James (7) the Revolutionary Soldier, a pioneer like Edward (1), the Immigrant, a wanderer like Edward (2) the Sergeant. His genius was mechanical. This was early shown by the following incident: When he was about 12 years old, the pump got out of order and someone had to be sent for to repair it. Charlie stood by and watched every movement, or, as the saying is "Stole the Trade" and his mother never again had to hire anyone to repair the pump. He desired earnestly to learn a trade, but was opposed as in Montgomery Co. where most of his early life was spent, the descendants of the old Dutch Farmers looked upon tradesmen as beneath them socially, the aim of every one being to acquire all the land possible by adding acre to acre and farm to farm. Tho he came of a family of teachers he absolutely refused to follow the family custom, vowing he would never be a teacher. Once before he went west when on a visit to his Aunt Rebecca, he took her class for a few days when she was ill and that was the nearest he ever came to breaking his resolution. He went west early in life. I do not know exactly how many states he has lived in. June 1, 1871 he married Lillie E. Stowetts at Davenport, Iowa, a cousin (I do not know just the degree) on his mothers side. This has been an ideal union and while Charles like many N.Y. Riggses of later generations has not heaped up wealth, and has had his share of the trials, disappointments and bereavements which are the general lot, his life has still been a happy one, as he and his life partner have consoled and sustained each other in sorrow, rejoiced together in prosperity and have raised a family of children not only to be their solace and comfort but to carry on the good work of rearing up in the ways of truth and righteousness others to take the places of the good men and women gone before. While all my other brothers have already departed this life, I hope dear Charlie will be spared to read this history but my principal aim in writing it is for the younger members of the family. I wish to show them their origin, to impress upon them the importance of keeping this record without blot from misconduct on their own part and of preserving the purity of blood inherited by avoiding misalliances, do not by yielding to momentary passion instead of consulting prudence introduce a strain of vice, of mental or of moral incapacity. Much of Charles life has been spent in Nebraska where he has resided in several localities. The first land he took up, he improved greatly, fruit and other trees- a pleasant home and all necessary buildings but the vast influx of foreigners made it undesirable as a place of residence, so he sold out. The later years were spent in and near Stockville, Frontier Co., Nebr. Tho he had never served apprenticeship at any trade, his mechanical genius helped him to become proficient and proved a great assistance to him in the new country where his services were often in demand for constructing dwellings and other buildings, bridges, etc. In the summer of 1885, his health became impaired, he came east and spent some time in travel but principally in visiting relatives, above all his beloved mother and favorite brother James. While in Stockville Charles, besides farming also became a builder and contractor and had a coal and lumbering yard. But crops often failed, tho the land was fertile, owing to drouths, unfavorable winds and other causes, and of course when crops fail every business suffers also. Finally in 1906 he left Nebraska with his wife and youngest daugh-

ter, Bertha and spent about a year in travel, visiting his married children and resided temporarily for a few months in Cheyenne, Wyo. where he worked at his trade; later in the season he went to Calif. where many delightful weeks were spent visiting relatives and enjoying the pleasures of the "Sunset Slope". At last he secured land in the San Joaquin Valley at Corcoran, Kings Co., Calif. Everything seemed to be according to his hearts desire. All saloons and places of ill repute were forever forbidden by law in the terms of sale, improvements well under way, cultivated and religious inhabitants, and his land so high that the floods did not trouble him and so far removed from seismic conditions that the jar of the terrible San Francisco earthquake was scarcely perceptible and yet it is feared that our pioneer will have to make still another change as the winter climate does not seem to be salubrious, at least has proved unfavorable to Charles constitution. But he writes that he will not have to leave Calif. as you can find any kind of a climate that you like there. Nature has been very good to Charles in the qualities bestowed upon him, while grace too, has done its work. He is of an equable, patient, genial temperament, industrious, upright, and both just and generous, while the stern Puritan conscience he has inherited, tho not to be overcome by temptation, does not make him unkind or severe to others. In all the relations of life he is a model. A loving husband, a tender father, an affectionate brother, true to kindred, a helpful neighbor, ~~charitable~~ charitable to the suffering, active in all good works and in the performance of his civic duties, always laboring in the cause of truth and righteousness. And harken, of ye Riggses of later generations, follow his example in these respects. What does it avail that our ancestors shed blood and lost property in their country's cause if their descendants shirk their duties and allow its government to fall into the hands of the ignorant and vicious of aliens and of inferior races. Charles good qualities have made him in every community where he has resided like a "city set upon a hill whose light cannot be hid" and he has speedily won respect and love becoming prominent in affairs. In politics a prohibitionist, in religion, a Methodist and here I note another parallel between him and James Riggs(7), they were both educated Presbyterians and both in later life became Methodists. And now I will add one more word in regard to our personal relations; Charles, like dear James, never let me feel that I was not their own mother's as well as their own father's daughter. He, too, signed off his interest in Dr Riggs estate to his Aunt Rebecca. He, too, did his share in righting the wrong done to me in Mrs Riggs will by signing off to me what she had willed him, tho at the time he was in great financial straits. And since then he has repeatedly urged me to discontinue teaching and make my home with him. Since I have been pensioned he has written me asking if I had enough to live on comfortably, if not telling me to apply to him. He and James were the only paternal relatives to whom I feel under any obligations. Dear James has passed on. So this will explain why, if, which is barely possible, but not probable, any of my scanty hard earned savings are left and Charlie or his wife, Lillian Stowitts, survive me I have left them in my will whatever money I may die possessed of. Should I survive them both, I will make other arrangements. Heirlooms of course, if not obliged by necessity to part with, I will divide among different members of the family. Hiram Burdette Riggs, the only descendant of Squire Hiram Riggs, named for him, is to have his great-grandfathers portrait and has promised to care also for its companion, that of my mother, Lucinda Phelps. To him also I give the carved secre-

ing, because he has chosen the medical profession, for it will be a souvenir of Dr James Riggs, his great uncle. But whatever be the future that God may bless and reward dear Charlie bountifully both here and hereafter, is the earnest prayer of Sister Rebecca Joannette Riggs.

(Lillie and Charles Riggs spent together, their golden wedding anniversary, June 1, 1921 at Corcoran, Calif. where a large celebration was held in their honor and heart shaped invitations of gold and white were mailed out to all their relatives near and far. Lillian Stowitts Riggs passed on to her reward on October 10, 1923. In 1931, this year, Charles is still in good health and is helping others and has been his custom all through his wonderful life.)

Their children.

Elsie, b, March 6, 1872, m, Charles S. Thomas, June 1, 1902.
Margaret D, b, Nov. 11, 1873, m, Amos B. Fox, 1893.
Alice Lillian, b, Oct. 12, 1876, m, John Thomas, Jan. 17, 1905.
Charles Alfred, b, Oct. 1, 1878, m, Pearl Thompson, June 1, 1904.
Francis Henry, b, Apr. 4, 1882, died Jan. 14, 1891.
Bertha Amelia, b, June 7, 1884, m, Hunter Dennis, Nov. 2, 1909.

Perhaps the greatest sorrow Charles and Lillie were called upon to bear was the sudden death of little Frank, a remarkably bright and lovable child.

MEROA ELSIE RIGGS THOMAS. (11).

Meroa Elsie Riggs Thomas (11), daughter of Charles, Hiram, George, James, John, John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward, was born in Davenport, Iowa, March 6, 1872. The family soon removed to Nebraska where her childhood and early youth were spent. She became a teacher. Those were hard times in Nebraska and the teacher had to wait a year for her pay unless she would consent to part with her draft at perhaps 50% to 50% discount. June 1, 1892 she married Charles S. Thomas, formerly of Llangynog, Montgomeryshire, Wales. They resided for some years in Cheyenne, then removed to their ranch in Ogbert, Wyoming. In 1906, the new vogue of dry-farming brought an influx of home-seekers which led to the advantageous disposal of the thousands of acres and Charles and his brother, John, went into business in Cheyenne and removed there.

(1951.) After their removal to Cheyenne, the two brothers, Charles and John were instrumental in the building of the Citizens National Bank Building (now known as the Boyd Building) and John became the president of the Citizens National Bank and Charles, on the Directors. Later, Charles built the stockyards at Memphis, Tenn. which he disposed of later. He, at this time, is in good health and deals in real estate in Cheyenne. (See reference concerning Charles in "Progressive Men of the state of Wyoming", page 532, published by A.W. Bowen & Co. in 1903.)

Meroa spent many busy years upon the ranch and here most of her children were born. Those were hard years, none of the conveniences of these days and the nearest neighbor three miles away. (From Aunt Jeannette's records, "The loving mothers heart was sadly rent by the deaths of her first-born, the "twins", within a few weeks of each other before they had lived one year, but oh! what a greater grief was the tragic death of little Millie, so bright, so loving and so intelligent, the namesake of the Civil War hero of our branch, Major Wm J. Riggs of Saratoga.) Another tragedy which entered into the life of this mother was the death of John Cadwallader, at the age of twenty-three. John had served during the World War, had his discharge papers just seven days, when on a fishing trip with his brother, Lewis, and a friend, he unknowingly laid upon his gun, which lay in the deep grass, catching the trigger in his belt, and was accidentally killed. Meroa saw the sorrows of the World War, having three sons enlisted in the service, Robert, John and Lewis. Meroa's first home in Cheyenne was at 2410 Thomas St. where the family lived for five years, then moving to a large double house at 318 West 22 St., and in 1940 the family moved to their present home, 408 East 25 St., each home in turn belonging to them. Meroa was also very active in other outside activities. For a time, she was the President of the Help One Another Club, a charitable organization which has done a great deal of wonderful work in the City of Cheyenne, and of which she is a charter member. She has also at different times been the President of the Frances Willard Union of the W.C.T.U. of Cheyenne, for several years, the State Treasurer of the W.C.T.U. and is at the present time, the State Vice President of the W.C.T.U., for several years she has held an office in the Oak Leaf Chapter, #5. Order of Eastern Star and is an officer of the War Mothers. Her home is always thrown open to everyone and her life seems to be spent in the service of others, always doing for the other. She is an extremely active member of the Methodist Church.

Thier Children.

Lillian Grace- d, Sept. 26, 1893.
born at Cheyenne, Mar. 6, 1893.
John Charles - d, Aug. 25, 1893.
Robert Morris, b, at Cheyenne, Apr. 20, 1894.
John Cadwallader, b at Egbert, Wyo., Nov. 20, 1896. d, May 25, 1919.
William Riggs, b at Cheyenne, Mar. 11, 1898, drowned Nov. 4, 1901.
Grace Lillian, b at Stockville, Nebr., July 9, 1900.
Lewis Charles, b at Cheyenne, Feb. 8, 1902.
George Willard, b at Stockville, Nebr., Oct. 21, 1903.
Griffith Riggs, b at Cheyenne, Feb. 15, 1910.

ROBERT MORRIS THOMAS. (12).

Robert Morris Thomas, son of Meroa, Charles, Hiram, George, James, John, John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward, was born at Cheyenne, Wyoming on April 20, 1894. For a while he attended the schools at Egbert, Wyoming, later moving to Cheyenne, with his parents where he attended the schools at Cheyenne, later graduating from the Cheyenne High School. He studied for a year at Annapolis, Md. In 1913, he was married to Agnes St. John, of Denver, Colo. In Feb. 1918, Elmer Charles Thomas was born at Denver, Colorado. He was married a second time, to Mildred Bern Wrench, a widow, in 1921. A son, Jean, was born in July, 1922. He is at this time making his home in Yakima, Wash. where he has a large fruit farm.

Children.

Elmer Charles, b, Feb. 1918.
Jean , b July, 1922.

PARENTS OF CHARLES SAMUEL AND JOHN LEWIS THOMAS.

Cadwallader Thomas, b, 1830 at Bale, North Wales.
Eleanor Morris, born 1833, at Llangynog, N. Wales.
Now comes some Welsh blood to mingle with the English, Scotch, and thru the Baldwins, the Norman French.

MARGARET D. RIGGS FOX (11)

Margaret D. Riggs Fox, daughter of Charles, Hiram, George, James, John, John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward, was born in Rescue, Sanders Co., Nebr. Nov. 11, 1873. Married Amos B. Fox, Nov. 15, 1893. He was born Aug. 17, 1873 at Ironton, Ohio. Their married life has been spent in Nebraska, Wyoming, Dakota and perhaps other localities. When I remarked concerning their wanderings as I had of Charles, that they seemed to have inherited this peculiarity from Edward, the Sergeant, a founder of Derby, Conn, Newark, N.J. and other places, the loyal little wife using the argumentum ad hominum, wrote, "If you had not a certain thing to do" (meaning I suppose a position) "to earn your living you would be as bad as we are". Well, I have moved several times myself, always bettered myself by so doing, but I was a long time getting started.

Their Children.

Hazel Jeannette, b, Feb. 16, 1895 at Cheyenne, Wyo.
Francis Neal, b, Dec. 27, 1897.

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Alice Lillian Riggs Thomas. (11).

Alice Lillian Riggs Thomas, daughter of Charles, Hiram, George, James, John, John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward, was born on Oct. 12, 1876. Of an optimistic cheerful disposition, helpful, energetic, versatile, not marrying as early as her sisters, she was the good genius of the family, here, there, everywhere, when most needed. Sometimes at home in Nebraska, then with her sister on the Ranch, sometimes studying, then teaching, caring most lovingly for the children of the family, attending institutes, writing interesting letters, voting at the polls, always busy, selfless, taking up cheerfully any duty nearest at hand and now all these energies are concentrated in her own home circle where she is a happy wife and mother. Jan. 17, 1905, she married John Thomas, formerly of Wales, brother of Charles Samuel Thomas. The first few years of her married life were spent on the Ranch, in 1906, after the sale of the ranch, removed to Cheyenne, Wyoming. John Thomas died on June 17, 1919.

Their Children,

Martin Riggs, born Nov. 28, 1905.
Edward Ellis, born Sept. 27, 1907 at Cheyenne, Wyo.
Owen Lewis, born Aug. 4, 1909 at Cheyenne, Wyo.
John Llewelyn, born Aug. 4, 1910 at Cheyenne, Wyo.
Alice, born Apr. 22, 1912 at Cheyenne, died Sept. 2, 1912.
Morgan William, born June 3, 1914 at Cheyenne.
Meredith H mphrey, born Sept. 29, 1915.
Gwen, born Dec. 1, 1916., died Dec. 10, 1916.

CHARLES ALFRED RIGGS. (11).

Charles Alfred Riggs, (Fred), son of Charles, Hiram, George, James, John, John, Ebenezer, Samuel, Edward, Edward, as born at Rescu, Neb. on Oct. 1, 1878. He was handicapped on his first setting out in life by an illness which left him somewhat lame. He has travelled about a great deal. On June 1, 1904 at Olney, Ill. he married Alice Pearl Thomson and has moved about a great deal since. Last heard from in Oklahoma.

His children,

Charles Gilbert, b, Sept. 25, 1904.
Henry Lyman, b, Oct. 17, 1907 at Fanchon, Mo.
Joannette,

Children of Bertha Amelia and Hunter Dennis.

Orville Eugene, born in Tulare, Calif. Feb. 25, 1911.
George Fremont, born in Exeter, Calif. Apr. 5, 1912.
Melba May, born in Tracy, Calif. June 9, 1914.
Hunter Leroy, born in Corcoran, July 24, 1916.
Freda Irene, born in Visalia, Calif. Jan. 2, 1918.

Family Traits.

It is interesting to note the origin of family traits. By Sarah Clark, great grandmother of the 10th generation, we find three peculiarities introduced into the family; low stature, stout figure and borrowing trouble. Phebe Caniff, the Scotch wife of our grandfather, George (8) was probably the source of the clairvoyance - second sight or whatever it may be called which some of her descendants have been endowed with or afflicted, this being a Scotch characteristic. Sarah oldest was noted for her premonitions. Before her mother died when Sarah was only sixteen, she foretold that sad event. Coming in from outdoors, she said that her mother, who was then ill, was going to die, that she had seen her coffin in the snow. She was never taken by surprise, was always ready for company, being, she asserted, warned before hand so she could prepare. Dr James Riggs and Squire Hiram Riggs had the most remarkable experiences. They never dreamed except on rare occasions and then the dreams proved prophetic or in the case of James, when a schoolboy, helpful. After puzzling over his arithmetic, he would at last go to bed and in his dreams, would invariably find the solution of the problems. One of the most remarkable instances in his life, was the following: A beautiful little girl, Helen Bump, the child of an intimate friend, and almost my only playmate, was stricken with scarlet fever. She was very ill from the first, probably not expected to live; but the remarkable thing was that the exact period even to the minutes was specified in the dream. Father dreamt that it was morning, that he went to Mr B. himself and the first person he met was Mr B. Inquiring for his little patient, her father replied that she was dead. "When did she die?" asked father doctor. And the answer was "At twenty minutes of two". He awoke, went to sleep again and had precisely the same dream twice more before morning and on going to the house in the morning, his dream was verified in every detail.

One night in the summer of 1845, Hiram Riggs dreamt that some one knocked at the front door. On answering the summons he found a frightful looking object, a female figure. When he asked her business she replied "My name is death". He cried out "Begone" and the form turned toward the flower bed where it vanished. In the morning he told his wife that either she or Margaret Ann would soon die and on August 20 after two or three days illness, the little one passed on. He also foretold his own death some months before hand. He told his wife one morning that there would be two deaths in that house within the year. One, he said, will be mine. I don't know whose will be the other. He related his dream, he was out in the garden, the lilacs were in bloom and at the foot of the garden he saw two graves dug. He died while the lilacs were in bloom. The family then removed to Root and the daughter of one of the Diefendorfs died of consumption in that house before the year ended.

James Riggs, third son of Hiram, had also a strange experience. His mother to whom he was devotedly attached was lying ill, on her death bed in fact. In her restlessness, she had removed to the large old fashioned couch in the sitting room. James was lying on the couch in the bedroom off, but was awake and so situated that he could watch the invalid. A little child apparently of two or three years came to the bedroom door and gazed at him earnestly, then turned and went to the mothers couch, where

it shortly disappeared. James always felt that it was the apparition of the little sister who died before he was born who came to warn him.

The other daughters of George (8) Maria Doud(9) and Pamela Lowey(9) were likewise very impressionable. Maria on one occasion, then mourning inordinately the death of her favorite son, James(10) heard his voice distinctly calling out "Look up."

There is one thing noted by geneologists, that the Riggs family have no hereditary disease. There is a disease of the teeth (gums falling away from the teeth) familiarly called "Riggs Disease", not because it is prevalent among the Riggses, but because Dr John M. Riggs of Hartford, Conn. was the first to treat it successfully.

Other family traits which may be noted are a very retentive memory and a scorn of conventionalities often leading to a certain brusquerie, tho in many instances this tendency is softened by a genial humor and suavity.

Items of Derby, Conn. (one of the early seats of family) Derby, including what is now Seymour, was one of six towns of the New Haven Colony, incorporated by the authorities of N H Colony when it had six families. The bounds between Derby and Milford were not laid until 1680. Among the settlers who had taken the Freeman's oath of Fidelity in 1708 were Ebenezer Harger, John Chatfield, and John Davis. Among those who took the oath in 1637 were Agni Tomlinson, John Davis and Daniel Chatfield. Edward Wooster appears rarely in the records. He had twelve children who shared in the distribution of his property. Samuel Riggs (3) was made guardian for Edward, Sylvester and Ebenezer. (From Wooster Genealogy) "The Ancient Burying Ground" of Derby is upon a small and beautiful knoll which rises a few rods north of the Episcopal Church in Derby proper.

The above, also the Baldwin Genealogy, were furnished by Mrs Morton, mother in law of Mr M. H. Walrath, principal of the F. H. School. Mrs Morton, her daughter, Mrs Walrath and her little grandson, Morton Walrath, are also descendants of our two Edwards. Her connection with us is thru the Tomlinsons.

All persons named in the items above were connected with the Riggs family by marriage. Three of the four founders of Derby, Edward Riggs, Richard Baldwin and Abel Gunn, are our Ancestors.

The other Descendants of George Riggs (3) The DOUDS.

Maria Riggs Doud (9) The second child of Squire Riggs of Western, N.Y. who married Eli Doud of Turin, N. Y. had eleven children.

- 1st - Born and died soon, 1824.
 - 2nd - George Riggs Doud, born Oct. 27, 1825.
 - 3rd - Infant born died 1827.
 - 4th - James Cardiff Doud, Born Feb. 6, 1829 at Turin, N.Y.
 - 5th - Sarah Louise, b Oct. 12, 1830 at Turin.
 - 6th - Helen Pamela, b 1834, died at 3 mo.
 - 7th - Royal H. Feb. 6, 1838.
 - 8th - Mary M. b. Sept. 20, 1840.
 - 9 & 10 - Twins, born Sept. 1842, died soon. both girls.
 - 11th - Eli Benjamin, b July 16, 1844.
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(2) George Riggs Doud. married Mary A Davis of Turin, N. Y. who was born Mar. 30, 1823 at Turin, N.Y.

Their children,

- 1st - Preston Hamlin, b Aug 15, 1849 Turin, NY m Martha Bellows, bn July 4, 1870. Byron, NY d Nov 6, 1872 No issue
- 2nd - Mary M. b Jan 30, 1853 Turin, NY d Feb. 10, 1870 at Byron, NY
- 3rd - Charles Vincent, b Jan 15, 1857 Elgin, Ill. m Ida A Collins at Churchville, N. Y. Their children,
 - 1 Harry Preston b Sept. 26, 1888 Byron NY
 - 2 Edna Ida, b May 9, 1892 Byron, NY
 - 3 Alva Ranson

4th - Margaret, d 1 yr. Turin NY

5th - John, b & d Byron, NY

George Riggs Doud died and was buried at Brooklyn, NY in 1901.

Mary Davis Doud died June 4, 1889 at Byron, NY.

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(4) James Canniff Doud. m Eliza A Roberts, June 18, 1855. She was born July 26, 1832. No children. His widow married again George P Norton, by whom she had children, dau Mrs J R Phillips, Boonville, NY. Roscoe of Ellis Lake, NY and John (druggist) Lyons, NY.

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(5) Sarah Louise Doud Faling m by Rev J B Goodenough Feb 23, 1858 at his home Watertown, N Y to George W Faling who was born at Turin, NY May 16, 1832. Reside at Rome, NY where they celebrated their Golden Wedding on Feb 23, 1908. Mr Faling is still an active business man (manufacturer of awnings) and takes his recreation hunting and fishing. He is genial, witty, with a large fund of anecdotes and experiences which he recounts in a most interesting manner. A most vehement Democrat. Religion, doubtful. Mrs Faling, tho not in perfect health, is still interested in life, spends her spare time in the manufacture of various articles for souvenirs for friends and relatives. She is quite as pronounced in her political opinions as her voting partner. She will surely be faithful in her adherence to the "Perpetual Candidate" as many years as they simultaneously survive. Three children, Carrie, b Jan. 6, 1859, Rutland, NY. Maria Rebecca, B June 8, 1861 at Turin. Bell A b Sept. 10, 1863, Houseville, NY.

The Douds (cont)

ROYAL H DOUD(10), seventh child of Maria Riggs and Eli Doud, born Feb 6, 1838 at Turin, N^Y. Married Mary C Sheldon, Martinsburg, NY. Died in Chicago, Ill.

His children.

- 1 Eli Horace, born Turin NY Jan 23, 1862. M Minnie Dryer, Ithaca N^Y. moved to Chicago. Mary Louise Apr 1889-Helen D 1892-~~72~~
- 2 James Morgan, b May 30, 1863. M Anna C Rice(B in Lewis C) 1887. one daughter, Isabelle.
- 3 Susan M, born Oct 4, 1868 Rome NY Married in Chicago, Ill 1888 to Rudolph G Schaaf of Newark, NJ. Children, Eugenia, Eli, Royal, Rudolph Jr, and James Edward.
- 4 John Sheldon Born Rome NY Nov 19, 1870 Married Elvira Matilda Colson(born May 18, 1878). Their children, Eleanor Colson b June 27, 1895; Mamie G, Nov 14, 1896; Edith May, Dec. 23, 1900; Infant. Residence in Chicago.
- 5 Mary Agnes, born, May 19, 1872 in Rome NY. Died June 1891 in Chicago, Ill.
- 6 Benjamin Sydney, born Rome, NY Dec 19, 1874. Married June 1899 (Josephine ?) Chicago, Ill. Three children.

MARY M DOUD MIDLAM (10) eighth child of Maria Riggs and Eli Doud. Born Sept 20, 1840 at Turin NY. M at Rome NY Jan 17, 1870 to Samuel T Midlam (Born Western NY Jan 1836.)

Their children:

- 1 Arthur S. Born Dec 18, 1871. M Kate Lyon, Chicago, Ill. Dec 8, 1899. One child; Clayton Smith, b Apr 7, 1904. Family residence, Omaha, Nebr.
- 2 H Clayton, b Mar 23, 1876. M Florence McPherson, Rome NY. June 24, 1906.

ELI B DOUD * 11th child of Maria & Eli- b July 16, 1844. Died Dec 26, 1862.

The Doud family came from Kent Co England, near London, settl^d in Conn. Name originally spelled Doude.

MARIA R FALING - married at Rome, NY by Rev J W Roberts on Dec 20, 1881 to George F Payne, who was born at Rome NY, Mar 6, 1859.

Infant daughter, born May 20, 1883. died soon

Sadie May, b May 28, 1884

Their children. George Arthur, b Feb 9, 1886.

Edna Estelle, b Dec 2, 1888, d Jan 17, 1890

Edwin Irving, b Mar 6, 1892. d Nov 1, 1892

BELLE A FALING - m at Rome NY By Rev M O Webster to Wm H Elmer, of Vernon, N Y.

Emily B, b Rome NY Mar 28, 1893.

Their children. Harold, b Vernon NY, Oct 6, 1895.

Luert, b Vernon NY May 2, 1902.

CARRIE C FALING. - She merits, I feel, a more particular notice in this family history than simply a place in the list of those who were born. My acquaintance with Cousin Carrie was begun a number of years ago by her coming to Troy to hunt me up while she was temporarily residing in Albany at the request of her mother, Mrs Sarah Faling. I had not seen Cousin Sarah since as a child I had visited at the old homestead on "Tug Hill" in Lewis Co. NY where I had a most delightful time. My only disappointment was that I did not hear the wolves howl which I had been told was a common occurrence there, winter nights. Probably I went to sleep too early. But what impressed me most was an immense hogshod in the kitchen always full of running water. Also we youngsters, Royal, Mary with her red dress which I envied (mother did not like red) and little Eli performed most elaborate obsequies over a dead gosling, while Cousin Sarah, grave and quiet, was like a mother to us all. I think even at that time she bore more than her full share of the family burdens. And Cousin Sarah had always preserved a loving interest in the little motherless babe her mother had taken to her bosom and whose first steps on the journey of life she had watched, Carrie and I spent some pleasant hours together in Troy and Albany the winter of our first acquaintance and I have also visited Cousin Sarah in Rome, but most of our intercourse has been by correspondence. Carrie has been of great assistance to me in this work having had much experience as a secretary to the Editor of the Deway Genealogy. She keeps me in touch with the family history as time goes on and send me many pages of genealogy which she has taken time in her busy life to write out for me.

George Riggs Descendants (cont) THE DEWEYS.

PAMELIA A RIGGS DEWEY (9) the sixth child of George Riggs and Phebe Canniff, born July 22, 1818, Western, NY. Married at home Jan 30, 1838 to Milton Dewey of Turin NY, who was born Mar 23, 1818 at Turin. He was descended from the same ancestor as Admiral Dewey. Mrs Dewey was a beautiful woman of superior mentality, but much hampered by narrow and uncongenial circumstances. She died at Jersey City, NJ Aug 29, 1893. Her husband died Nov 2, 1897 at Conklin, NJ.

Their children:

- 1 Amanda P - b Turin NY Dec 13, 1838 m H O Brooks, June 8, 1858.
- 2 Chester F, b Aug 12, 1840 Turin NY M Margaret Lawrence Jan 7, 1869 at Conklin, NY.
- 3 Helen Louise, b Houseville, NY Nov 12, 1843. M, first M H Arthur, Aug 24, 1862 and then Mortimer Lawrence.
- 4 and 5 (Twins) George and Frances, Born Mar 13, 1850, Martinsburg
- 6 Ida Estelle, b Feb 17, 1855. M 1889 David Beach who died at Jersey City.
- 7 Charles M - b Aug 6, 1856. M June 1, 1884 Etta Kent (b 2-4-61) 2 sons.
- 8 Adelbert M - b 1857 Lewis Co NY. M Dec 25, 1875 Helen Crossman 1 son Walter. Divorced and m Raynetta Storey, Colorado.
- 9 Sarah M, b June 5, 1866. M June 15, 1881, Albert E King, of Norwich NY. 3 children, Albert, Pearl and Irene (boy died.) Residence, Cleveland, Ohio.

AMANDA P DEWEY BROOKS (10) first child of Pamela Riggs & Milton Dewey. Mr Brooks died at Binghampton, NY Aug 12, 1892. Her son, George M died in the Cuban War. She had other children and a step-daughter Viola.

CHILDREN OF AMANDA P DEWEY RIGGS.

- 1 Norman H, b Martinsburg NY. M Lottie B Allen, Cleveland O. 1 child Norma, b Sept 27, 1896.
- 2 Gertrude P, b Feb 5, 1860. M 1st Feb 26, 1879 Frank A Stevens who died, 1 child, also died. M 2nd Edward E Hedley, who also died. While a widow resided in Buffalo, NY. Married 3rd, Mar 16, 1908-C A Lux, Syracuse, NY.
- 3 George M, b July 31, 1868, Binghampton, NY. Married Susie B Ramsey, Sept 26, 1889, one child Wm E, b Oct 31, 1890, now dead. George lost his life while serving in the Spanish American War at Santiago, Cuba. Aug 1, 1898.
- 4 Susan A, b Mar 24, 1873, Binghampton, NY. M Nov 25, 1896 to Allen K Marian. A charming personality and a social favorite but for some years a great sufferer till relieved by medical treatment.

GEORGE M BROOKS (11) son of Amanda, deserves special mention as one of our heroes along with Edward (2) the Sergeant, John (6) Minute Man and James (7) the Revolutionayr soldier. The first helped to destroy the Indian Patriots, but if they had not been overcome, civilization could not have advanced, the second and third assisted to overthrow the oppressor and to found this glorious commonwealth. George enlisted at his countrys call.

The Deweys (cont)

George was the soul of generosity, full of sympathy, self-sacrificing, sickness and want came upon the devoted soldiers in that unhealthy climate. This was Georges opportunity. His uncle, Adelbert M Dewey, told me the sad but heroic story of his death. The hospital was two and a half miles from the camp. The sick and soldiers were on the verge of starvation. Each morning George made the rounds begging from each comrade some small portion of his scanty ration, adding to it at the event proved, nearly all his own, then took the 2½ mile walk to the hospital when his coming was a joyful event to the sufferers, but, alas, in a short time, he collapsed and perished, confessedly of starvation.

CHESTER F DEWEY, second child of Pamela Riggs Dewey, another of our heroes, served in the Civil War. Lived in Binghampton NY in 1906.

His children:

- 1 Florence, b Oct 27, 1869. M John D McKnight (2 children)
- 2 Frank M
- 3 Lillian I.

HELEN LOUISE, third child of Pamela, Her first husband, M H Arthur died at Ft Carroll, Md in the Union Army. The second Mortimer Lawrence, to whom she was married Apr 11, 1866 was b Mar 11, 1840 at Conklin, NY.

Their children:

- 1 Minnie Louise, b July 24, 1867. M June 21, 1893 to George E Halbut, 11 child, Cora Louise, b Apr 21, 1895.
- 2 Arthur M, b Aug 28, 1870. Died Sept 8, 1870
- 3 Cora Belle, b Oct 13, 1873
- 4 Jessie A, b Mar 29, 1876
- 5 Mary L, b Aug 19, 1879.

FRANCES E, one of the twins, dau of Pamela, m Dec 19, 1869, James M Guernsey, Binghampton, NY. 5 children, Ida Belle, George R, Ralph, Milton Edward and Wm P.

GEORGE E, ~~XXXX~~ the other twin of Pamela, m Nov 25, 1875 to Minnie Williams, Binghampton, NY. One child, Charles M, Sept 9, '6.

ADELBERT M DEWEY, eighth child of Pamela, a unique personality, full of physical energy, mental activity, eagerly grasping new ideas, sanguine, optimistic, versatile, a fluent conversationalist, a ready speaker and writer. His life has been kaleidoscopic, continually changing. Leaving school at the age of 14, he was apprenticed to the printing business with the man who later founded the "Associated Press". The next five years, he advanced step by step, omitting nothing, devil, office-boy, journey man, foreman, managing editor and editorial writer, rounding out that portion of his career with a trip over the country as a tramp, compositor. This experience he avers did more to fit him for the battles of life than all the technical training he had hitherto received. In 1880, foreman of a large printing house in Detroit, Mich. Two years later, took charge of the mechanical department of the Detroit Evening Journal. Afterwards, in business for himself as a printer and publisher. Next became editor and manager of a Weekly Paper at Philadelphia, Pa dealing with the economics of the labor questions. This paper was very successful, attaining a circulation of nearly a hundred thousand and the editors articles attracted great attention. In 1889, when

The Deweys (cont)

Harrison was President of the US he received an appointment in the Labor Dept of the Natl Govt and moved with his family to Washington DC. His duties took him at various times to almost every part of the union. In 1906 he resigned to devote himself to private interests. My acquaintance with Adelvert Dewey began when he was in Albany, editing and publishing the Dewey Genealogy. He was of the same family as the Admiral on his fathers side. He has lectured on many topics, been interested in many reforms and belonged to many societies. He was the first grand secretary and later, for two years, the grand president of the order of the White Cross in America, as a temperance advocate, he is a past high chief ruler of the order of the Rechabites in North America. He was at one time for two years the president of the Printers Union and an aggressive member of the educational department of the Knights of Labor before that famous order lost prestige in the industrial world. He believes thoroly in the rights of man and the dignity of labor but advises the workers to do their striking at the ballot box, the only place he believes it possible for them to make their power felt. In fraternal circles, Mr Dewey is an active Elk and a Mason and is said to have visited more lodges of these orders than any other man in America. He is very independant and original. Tho a Republican at the time of the great contest he refused the \$200.00 "th stump" the country as usual for McKinley because it would necessitate advocating the gold standard which was against his judgement. For my part being by birth one of the great class of the disfranchised along with the aliens, convicts, minors, imbeciles and so forth, I never made any special study of the subject which I should have felt it would be my duty to do. But as a person of ordinary intelligence, I have sometimes read, listened and thot and could never see anything very clear or convincing in what was called sound money doctrine tho it always seemed an argument very attractive to bond-holders, but Cousin Dell. Hear him Talk. He could explain the silver side in arguments as brilliant as the shining metal itself. Tho as enthusiastic temperance advocate, He told me he had never voted the prohibitionist ticket as it would be throwing away his vote, that he always voted with the party which would legislate most favorably for temperance and labor. That at the North he found it to be Republican but at the South, the reverse was true, there the party of reform, purity, etc was the Democratic. My next knowledge of Cousin Dell was when he became a Socialist, writing, lecturing - he used to send me socialistic literature which I did not find as convinging as his silver arguments. As as author, his three most noted works are "The Dewey Family History" "The Life and Letters of Admiral Dewey", both having a wide circulation in public libraries and the "Ideal Republic". The latest development in his versatile career is his interest in mining, being Pres of the Q.S. mining and smelting Co. Dr of other companies, interested in real estate etc. The Socialistic epoch seems to have passed. The last news, he was in Colo(Spokane) where having divorced his first wife, he married Miss Raynetta Story., about two years ago. He is of low stature, of a pleasing attractive personality, bright and animated.

Other Descendants of James Riggs(7).

CLARK RIGGS (8) son of James (7) John(6) John(5) Ebenezer(4) Samuel(3) and Edwards 2 and 1. was born in Conn. Apr 12, 1791. He married Thankful Spinning in the town of Lee, Oneida Co, NY who was born Apr 3, 1788 and died Apr 3, 1831. Served in the War of 1812. An attendant at the Methodist Church. Died near Booneville, NY Feb 13, 1866. He visited us in Jordan shortly before his death. He reminded me very much of his brother, George(8) Grandfather Riggs, both physically(A Clark) and in character, a genial, kindly nature.

His children:

- 1 Louisa, b Sapt 3, 1812. M Sidney Smith.
- 2 Charles Giles, b Nov 17, 1814.
- 3 William J, b July 15, 1816.
- 4 Clark A, b Oct 20, 1818.
- 5 Henry, b Nov 7, 1820. D May 6, 1822.
- 6 Aurelia, b Aug 23, m Ephriam Owen.
- 7 Edward H, b May 1826. Died Dec 20, 1857.
- 8 Delia, b Mar 8, 1829. Died Aug 6, 1829.

Wallace, in his genealogy says the Smiths lived in Whiteside Co, Ill but Miss Carrie Faling gives an account of a visit made by her grandfather Doud and wife (Maria Riggs) in 1841 to relatives in N. New York, they had with them their two daughters, Sarah Louise(11 yr of age) and Mary (1 yr). At that time they visited Mrs Louisa Riggs Smith after whom Sarah took her middle name. The Smiths then had three children. The Derimores(Mrs Sarah Riggs dau of James(7) and her husband George Derimore lived in St Lawrence Co, below Somerville. The other relatives visited at this time were Mr Eli Doud's brother and sister, Mrs John Miller and John Doud.

CHARLES GILES RIGGS (9)

CHARLES GILES RIGGS (9) son of Clark(8) James (7) John 6 & 5, Ebenezer(4) Samuel(3) and Edwards 2 & 1. Was born at Lee, NY Nov 17, 1814. On Mar 1, 1835 Married Julia A Moulton, who was born May 5, 1817. When he was very young, his parents settled in Turin, NY. He was engaged in the hardware business for many years having one or more stores in other places at the same time. Bought property in the North Woods, was interested in the Pa Oil Wells, in fact was prominent and active in both business and civic affairs as well as those of the Methodist Church of which he was a member. Charles and his cousin, Dr James Riggs, were devotedly attached to each other, like brothers in fact and Charles and his wife often visited us in Jordan when on his way to Rochester and other places on business. The two cousins resembled each other physically, more than either did his own brothers. When their backs were turned the wives could only tell them apart by noticing that Charles was about an inch the taller. Charles was of an equable, genial disposition - the Riggs brusquerie giving place to suavity as often in other cases. He was very happy in his home life. Julia was a descendant of Rev Capt Ebenezer and of Col Stephen Moulton. She was a devoted wife and mother. I remember seeing her very depressed after the death of little Sophia. But she had great strength of character where her affections were

concerned. The following circumstance she related to Mother, & shows her in a most heroic light. Charles was ill, not necessarily in danger of death but he became melancholy. He made all preparations for death which he was sure was imminent. During his sleepless nights he talked incessantly with his wife, telling her what to do, he had made his will, after every effort to arouse him from this state in which she saw him slowly slipping away from her she took a heartbreaking resolution. One night during a short pause, she said "But there is one thing you have neglected". On his asking what, she replied "You have not told me whom to marry for my second husband". He hesitated. I suppose he was stabbled, but finally suggested a very worthy man, Julia objected, she couldn't bear him. He named another and another, to whom she found similar objections. Finally he asked her whom she preferred and she named a man he detested. The cure was complete, next day he destroyed his will and took a new lease on life. They have since both passed away but not till some years after the remedy was applied by his loving wife., who even then survived him for a time, dying Oct. 11, 1895. Charles G Riggs died Feb 15, 1886.

Their Children,

- 1 Helen Julia, b Nov 24, 1836. M Nicholas W Van Koughnet, Apr 15, 1855.
- 2 Charles W, b Aug 25, 1839. M Mary Arthur. Chas died Jan 28, '76. 1 child, Charles Arthur, b Oct 9, 1864. He had three children, Harold, Helen Jeannette, Garie.
- 3 Louisa M, b Oct 25, 1841. M Chauncy W Colton.
- 4 Francis, b Jan 26, 1844. Died Apr 2, 1845.
- 5 Horace Moulton, B Apt 17, 1846. M Susan Shepherd, 1872. D Mar 11, 1904.
- 6 George Garie, b Nov 18, 1849. Died Oct 1, 1907.
- 7 Sophia W, b Nov 2, 1852. D Apr 14, 1854.

HELEN JULIA RIGGS (10) was a little younger than I but was always held up to me as a model. We never met in mature years but I make a little extract from the obituary notice of her lamented demise a few years ago. "She is survived by her husband and two sons, Wm R Van Koughnet of New York and Frederick M Van Koughnet of North East, Pa. Also by one sister, Mrs Chauncey W Colton of Boonville. She will be sadly missed by a host of friends who will always cherish her memory". Two brothers also living at the time of her death have since died. Mrs Van Koughnet died Nov 1901.

HORACE MOULTON RIGGS (10) was the next one of Charles(9) children to pass away. He was named for his uncle, Horace Moulton who lived in Jordan many years. When Moulton(10) was a young man he first entered into business in the employ of his father(mercantile) After the death of his father, he carried it on successfully. In politics a staunch Democrat as were all the early Riggses, in Religion, a Methodist, in his death the church and community sustained a loss which cannot easily be filled. This was another ideal marriage of which, thank God, we find not a few among the Riggses. His death was a sad blow to his family. Besides his wife and a daughter, Miss Lou Belle Riggs, a teacher in Binghamton and later in Utica, two sons, Charles Riggs of Turin and Ernest M Riggs of Albany, traveling salesman, survive. Ernest Riggs has one child, Marian, b 1907, Aug 15. Horace M. died Mar 11, 1904.

GEORGE GARY RIGGS, Died at Boonville, home of his sister, Mrs C W Coulton, Oct 1, 1907. Funeral held at 9:30 from that place and at 2 o'clock from the residence of Mrs H M Riggs at Turin the following Friday. Influenced probably to some extent by the family outings in the North Woods, Gary early responded to the "call of the wild". He was educated in the Turin and Boonville schools but even in boyhood manifested great love for outdoor sports. He was for many years a member of the famous "Rough and Ready Club" of Turin and well known in Lewis, Oneida and Herkimer Counties. At an early age he became a guide in the Fulton Chain. For nearly thirty years he acted as a guide and caretaker of camp for the late L H Lawrence at Fourth Lake. His warm and generous nature made him especially fond of boy companions and many a young man he assisted and encouraged in life. He was a prominent member of the Brown Tract Guide Assn. and used his influence for game protection. Physically he was strong, stalwart and vigorous.

Mrs Garry A Willard joined the Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry, Jan 11, 1906. President of the society was Mrs Wm Garry Slade, of New York City. Registrar, Mrs Jasper Cairns, also of New York City. The annual meeting(1906)was held at the residence of Mrs Cairns who gave a talk on Heraldry. It was an occasion of great interest as Mrs Cairns is acknowledged to be one of the best authorities on this subject in the United States. Mrs Williards National Number is 38. She is a granddaughter of Charles Giles Riggs(9) and a daughter of Mrs Louisa Riggs Colton. Mrs Cairns was Emma Riggs(10) of Saratoga, great granddaughter of James Riggs (7).

MAJOR WILLIAM JOHN RIGGS (9).

WILLIAM JOHN RIGGS(9) son of Clark(8) James(7) John(6) John(5) Ebenzer(4) Samuel(3) Edwards 2 and 1, was born near Turin, NY. July 15, 1816. He moved afterwards to Boonville, then to Westernville and later to Rome where he was engaged in Hotel and Hardware business. When the dark clouds portending the Civil War were gathering, Mr Riggs was in the oil region in Pa. He had large interests in the great Sherman Well at Titusville but he sold out and returned to Rome. The well afterwards yielded fortunes to its owners. Had Mr Riggs remained in Pa he would have undoubtedly accumulated riches, but the warlike blood of his ancestors coursed in his veins and he willingly offered his services to his country. He had been Lieutenant Colonel of the 46 NY State Militia. When the 3rd NY Light Artillery was formed in Cayuga Co. he was commissioned Captain of Battery H, Nov 16, 61. He was in command. Capt Riggs' Battery especially distinguished itself for bravery. Major General J G Foster of the Dept of N.C. issued an order expressing his approbation of the conduct of Capt Riggs' Battery of light artillery of the 3rd NY volunteers of New York, in the attack on Washington, DC. On Sept 23, 1864 the Capt was promoted Major. In 1864-65 when the army was before Petersburg Major Riggs spent 71 days in the trenches. In all he was in above twenty engagements, at Raleigh, Goldsboro, Little Washington and other places. He also acted as a chief provost marshal of the Beaufort District, N Carolina, with headquarters at Newberne. While in this office, a Mrs Riggs(A widow) appealed to him for some favor in his line to grant, and the result was a lifelong friendship between the two Northern and Southern Riggs families. References to verify his military Record will be found in the volumes at the State Librayr at Albany which deal with th se matters. At the close of the war, Major Riggs returned to Rome and in 1867 removed to Saratoga. He was proprietor at different times of the Waverly, Holden House, Broadway Hall, Columbian and finally the Albemarle, which he conducted for a number of years. Jan 1, 1845 he married Anna Maria Allen, a ~~xxxxxx~~ collateral descendant of Ethan Allen. This was another ideal marriage. Mrs Riggs was beautiful, high born, graceful and gracious, and moreover all these natural qualities were enhanced by her life experiences, so varied, in which she lived in many localities, saw many people and engaged in various occupations. A most faithful wife devoted to her husband and to his interests. Always when possible, with him, even in war times. She died suddenly in New York City in 1893 while visiting her daughter Mrs Cairns. Major Riggs was a faithful citizen and a loyal G A R man. He had a remarkable memory and could relate many incidents which came under his observation in the service. His reminiscences were always interesting but he was a man of such singular and unaffected modesty that to have the benefit of these narrations in which he was so laudably concerned, one must ask for them. He was a Mason, but not affiliated with the local fraternities. Physically he was a typical Riggs of the Clark strain. He bore a remarkable resemblance to the President Benj Harrison. One day, when Harrison visited Saratoga, a colored man who came north every summer to serve the Major came back from the station and said, "The Major told me he wasn't going to the station but I saw him there in the crowd". He had mistaken the President for his employer. In fact,

the only difference noticeable in their pictures was that the coldness in the face of Harrison was replaced by a genial expression in the Major. He was a member of Post Wheeler and had anticipated with feelings of pleasure the coming G A R encampment. His old comrades the surviving members of Battery H. were to have been accommodated at the Albermarle. But instead were his Guard of Honor and fired the last volley over his grave. The funeral was held at the Albermarle. Rev Joseph Carey, rector of Bethesda Church, of which Maj Riggs was a member, officiating. Post Wheeler had charge of the services. The remains were interred in Greenridge Cemetery by the side of his wife. Died May 11, 1895.

MRS EMMA RIGGS CAIRNS (10) dau of Major Wm J Riggs was the eldest of Maj Riggs two children. She married Jasper Cairns of New York City. She was an artist and before her marriage I visited her studio at her fathers hotel. She was also a member of a Scientific Society, had in fact a great mental activity. While a young girl she had a long and serious illness brot on by inhaling the green dust of a taffeta ball dress made at home. The dress, like much wall paper at that time was colored by a preparation or dye, of which arsenic was an ingredient. She was one of many sufferers at that period till manufacturers learned the deleterious qualities of such dyes. She is happily married but has no children. Many years ago she became greatly interested in the Family History, is a DAR (Natl No6263) Also registrar of the Society of Americans of Armorial Ancestry. Writes and lectures on geneological and historical subjects and on Heraldry. Is said to be one of the best authorities in the United States on this last subject. She has, in fact, devoted her artistic skill of late, almost entirely to the painting of Coats of Arms. If anyone should desire to get anything done in this line, her address is 264 West 57 St, N Y C. She has assisted me greatly both in this history and in giving me the necessary assistance to become a D A R myself. She is indefatigable, takes her recreations visiting the former dwelling places of our ancestors, hunting thru libraries and ancient documents or thru old cemeteries where she finds their ancient tombs, I have in various parts of this history acknowledged the assistance thus given. Physically she is rather delicate but has a singularly gracious and winning personality and is a social favorite.

MRS JULIA MARIA RIGGS YOUNG (10) the younger daughter of Maj Riggs and Anna Maria Allen, is a real Riggs. She has always resided with her parents and has been a great assistance and comfort to them. After the death of her father, as soon as the lease of the Albemarle had expired, she took Pleasant Home, a beautiful Saratoga boarding house in a fine location, overlooking the grounds of the Grand Union and kept on with the work in which she had become expert. I have spent many happy days with her and when I think of them, can hardly realize that I am only second cousin to Emma and Julia. Asking about Harriet", the colored woman I had always seen there, Cousin Julia informed me she had been in their family for 28 years. This is another test of good birth, the ability to secure and retain faithful service. Verily a servants recommendation is as valuable in its place as the Employers. Shoddyities, the nouveaux riches, the upstart and vulgar rich require more and obtain less than those who have been taught to govern by lifelong experience in cultured homes.

MRS AURELIA M RIGGS OWEN(9) dau of Clark(8) James(7) John(6) &(5) Ebenezer(4) Samuel(3) and Edwards 2 & 1. She was living in Albany when I was there at boarding school. The Owens kept the Dunlap House and Mr Ephraim Owen was in the fruit business with Mr Forte. Later he removed to Keokuk, Iowa where he became a contractor and accumulated property. On retiring from business, he settled in Boonville, NY. There he established a beautiful home in which to enjoy the fruits of his labors, a noble mansion surrounded by ample grounds, including flower gardens, deer park and other accessories. After some years, his health failing, he went to the Sanitarium at Clifton, NY where he died. His wife was also very ill at the time and place and unable to accompany the body to Boonville for burial. But she recovered and survived him for several years. She was one of the many women in whose veins courses the Riggs blood who do honor to their origin. Not only a devoted wife and mother, true to kindred and friends, a capable business woman, but also one highly esteemed for her mental and social qualities which caused her society to be sought by the young as well as by their elders. But one summer, some years since, her chair on the porch was left vacant, and with the flowers she loved so well piled upon her by loving hands she was laid away to await the Resurrection Morn. Many hearts of friends as well as of her own loved ones were saddened and bereft. Her children,

1 Frank Owen, unmarried, resides in the Homestead.

2 Mrs Jenny Owen Baas, she has two children.

Charles Frank and Madelen.

MRS HANNAH RIGGS MOULTON PINNEY DURRIN (8) was the youngest child of James Riggs(8) John (5 & 6) Ebenezer(4) Samuel (3) and Edwards 2 and 1. Born Aug 18, 1793. With Frank Moulton, her first husband, she lived in Floyd, Oneida Co. Their children Sarah, Susan and Benjamin. Sarah Moulton married Alvin Jones, moved to Michigan where she died, leaving two children, one a son and one daughter, Hannah, who came back and lived with her grandmother. Married two times, living in 1906 with her second husband at Leroy, NY and has one daughter. SUSAN MOULTON married Josiah Willis or Wells at Western, NY. Their children Jane and Jeannette (twins), Carrie, Sarah, and Emma. Mr Willis or Wells was a brother of George Riggs' second wife, Sarah Willis or Wells. Why two names, I don't know. Frank Moulton, Aunt Hannah's first husband was uncle to Mrs Julia Moulton Riggs, wife of Charles Giles, Riggs. He was one of a family of ten, nine sons and 1 daughter, Mrs Josiah Wilcox. Mrs Wilcox brought up Julia Moulton after her parents died. After grandfathers Riggs death, Grandmother with Aunt Hannah went to Livingston Co., NY to visit her brother, Josiah. While there, Mr Willis and one of the twins (Jeannette) died of typhoid fever. Grandmother and Hannah then went to Rome, grandmother was intending to prepare to go to live with Aunt Hannah. From Rome, Aunt Hannah went on to Watertown to visit Aunt Sarah Goodenough. Grandmother and Aunt Hannah were both taken down with the fever. Aunt Hannah recovered, the only one of the four. Grandmother died at Rome at the Willett House then kept by Maj. M J Riggs(9). The cause of this scourge was never known. Those days the subject of epidemics was not well understood. I must here add a few words concerning Grandmother. She was the eldest of her family and had brought up all the younger children, including her brother, Josiah. When George Riggs(8) was left with

six children, the eldest sixteen years old, he selected this capable woman for his second wife. His daughters, as was perhaps quite natural, were violently opposed to the marriage, but in after years admitted that the training given them by their step-mother was most valuable tho at the time they didnot appreciate its benefits. SUSAN MOULTON WILLIS is remembered as a very industrious, ambitious woman, educated her children, managed the farm after her husbands death, in fact she was considered a wonderful woman to accomplish so much and she instilled likewise the same traits in her children.

CHILDREN OF SARAH MOULTON WILLIS.

1-Isabelle, m Frank Fiske Bostwick, in business in San Francisco.

They have 1 daughter, Jeannette.

2-Jeannette

3-Carrie Willis, named for Caroline French of Oneida Co, NY from whom she received a legacy. Married Freeman. Her children, Susan, m W H Donnan, Cashier of Bank in LeRoy. 6 children. Emma, M Robinson in newspaper work. 5 children.

4-Sarah Willis, married brother of J W Stewart (Jane Willis husband) Lived near Fowlerville, NY. Have children.

5-Emma Willis. (No information).

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BENJAMIN MOULTON, youngest child of Mrs Hannah Riggs and Frank Moulton went around Cape Horn. Settled in Calif. where he died and left children.

MRS HANNAH RIGGS MOULTON, now married for her second husband, Gilbert Pinney. Their children were; Jeannette, Helen & Edward. Mr Pinney is said to have been a fine man. They lived in the town of Greig, Lewis Co, NY where he owned a farm, also a sawmill which he ran himself. Mr Pinney and Helen died on this farm. Then Aunt Hannah with her two Pinney children went to live with her daughter, Mrs Jones (By her Moulton marriage), then living near Boonville, NY. Here she married her third husband, Noah Durrin. They lived on a farm two miles south of Lowville, near Beeches Landing. Jeannette attended first a select school near home, then the Lowville Academy but she died at the age of 20 and was buried in the Lowville Cemetery. The son, Edward Pinney was a remarkably fine child but when 4 or 5 years old was stricken with scarlet fever which left him incapacitated mentally; he lived to be about 40, was a good boy, able to fetch and carry so was not troublesome. The only instance that mental deficiency was to be found in the Riggs Record. Aunt Hannah was a very capable woman, loved and respected by all who knew her. Her life with Mr Durrin was very pleasant, he was a kind and honorable man, and made her friends and relatives always welcome. No children. After his death, Aunt Hannah moved to Livingston Co and resided in part of the house with her daughter, Susan. (Mrs Josiah Willis.)

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

GENEALOGY OF THE RIGGS FAMILY, by John Hankins Wallace.

There are of course some mistakes in the work and many omissions especially as regards our own branch. These mistakes I have corrected in this book, but the work is very interesting. Wallace on Page 2, speaks of the thousands descended from Edward 1, and this is no exaggeration. Wallace has given regular accounts of 281 families, one had 21 children, many had large families. Of some he could give only the names of a few members and add that nothing was known of their history. There are not only many of the name of Riggs, but the Riggs girls have married and submerged their patronymic in the cognomens of innumerable families. I have made a list of between 2 and 3 hundred such cases, which I will arrange alphabetically. Quite a number of our maidens however have preferred their own family and have married nearer or more remote Riggs relatives. I have only put in the list, names of families into which Riggs girls married and did not go into detail of the marriages of their children, and grandchildren. Which, had I done so, would seem to show that very few of the old families in the country did not have in the veins of some of their members, some of Edwards blood. I have also selected some of the peculiar names of boys and girls, especially of the earlier times. Of course there were many common bible names, Samuels, Hannahs, Ebenezers, Sarahs, etc, while in later years we have hosts of pretty names, Theodore, Frederick, Mabel, Muriel, etc and I was quite surprised to learn that my name Jeannette, was a family name. I had supposed it to have been one selected by the fancy of my parents.

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Hubbard-Indian War
pp-33-34
Staleys Regreides.

For James(7) Rev. Sold.
Conn. in Rev. p 80 to
214.

For John(6)
Minute Man
Conn in Rev.
p-8

For Maj Am J Riggs
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History of Oxford p-11. Also p 39, taken from Files of Rev Lyman.
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Alsop Genealogy.

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DECEASED NAMES OF RIGGS GIRLS.

Alford	Dey	Hotchkiss	Payne	Underfield
Allen	Dickson	Hull	Peak	Valentine
Anderson	Doolittle	Humphreys	Peden	Vankoughnet
Applegate	Doud	Hutchinson	Pomberton	VanMater
Axtell	Douglas	James	Perrine	VanWagoner
Barker	Drury	Jarvis	Perry	Wagner
Barnett	Duncan	Johnson	Phillips	Waples
Baughman	Dunlap	Kelsy	Pierson	Ward
Beckwith	Durham	Kennedy	Pinney	Warren
Beecher	Durrin	Kendall	Plumb	Way
Belden	Eckley	Kimball	Poage	Webb
Benjamin	Egbert	Kimberly	Pollock	Webster
Bentley	Fielder	King	Popleton	Wells
Blashley	Fields	Kinnan	Potter	Webster
Blackman	Finch	Lambert	Pringle	Wheeler
Bolinger	Finley	Leason	Prudden	Whitney
Booth	Footo	Lee	Ray	Wilkins
Bourne	Ford	Lewis	Reed	Williams
Bowers	Forayth	Leroy	Reeshaw	Wolcott
Bowman	Fox	Lindsley	Remer	Wood
Boyd	Freeman	Long	Ripley	Woodenuff
Briggs	French	Lord	Roberts	Wooster
Bronson	Fuller	Lumm	Robertson	Young
Brooker	Gage	Lyon	Robinson	
Brown	Gallant	McAffee	Rockwell	
Breun	Gardner	McCoy	Runde l	
Budd	George	McDow	Rutherford	
Burroughs	Gibbs	McLaughlin	Sanders	
Burtis	Gibson	McLean	Sawyer	
Burton	Gildersleeve	McLeod	Scott	
Cairns	Gill	McMurray	Shanks	
Candee	Gray	Maitz	Shuester	
Canfield	Green	Marvin	Sickles	
Catlin	Greene	Mather	Simpson	
Chamberlain	Gregory	Mayer	Sloan	
Clark	Haley	Miles	Smith	
Colton	Hall	Miller	Speyry	
Condit	Hamilton	Montfort	Splawn	
Cook	Hankins	Morehead	Stead	
Coulter	Harger	Morford	Steele	
Crahe	Hart	Morris	Steward	
Crockett	Havens	Moshier	Stoddard	
Cushman	Hawkins	Moulton	Stone	
Cuyler	Hedden	Murray	Swan	
Dada	Higbee	Myer	Sweet	
Davidson	Higgins	Nichols	Taylor	
Davis	Hine	Northrop	Terrill	
Day	Hines	Ogilvie	Thomas	
DeForest	Hitt	Olmstead	Tindale	
Demorest	Holbrook	Osborn	Townsend	
Denison	Holcomb	Osborne	Trowbridge	
Denman	Holmes	Owen	Twitchell	
DeTriest		Patterson	Tyrrell	

Peculiar Names.

Boys.

Asshur
Alpha
Almon
Arunah
Bethnel
Cephas
Clisby
Cyrinus
Deodatus
Eden
Elverna
Eldad
Elvadis
Ewell
Goliah
Harpin
Hezekiah
Jabez
Jedediah
Jetur
Josiah (called Junia)
Lauren
Leal
Leander
Leman
Lemon
Leverett
Lucian
Marsena
Merit
Merrit
Nimrod
Obadiah
Parmenas
Perry
Phineas
Pierpont
Pliny
Preserve
Ramothe
Rexford
Sylvester
Vernor
Wyllys
Zadock
Zebulon
Zenas
Zophar

Girls.

Achsah
Aphia (Nacky)
Arlene
Artemosy
Asenath
Bethany
Beulah
Brilla
Candace
Connie
Cecile
Celesta
Charity
Content
Cyrena
Damaris
Daphne
Deborah
Drusilla
Edmonia
Effa
Elsinger
Eloise
Estie
Evadne
Experience
Harmonie
Jemina
Jerusha
Kesiah
Lavancia
Lauh
Lettice
Marilda
Maryette
Marzee
May Bird
Mehala
Mehotible
Melba
Mercy
Myrtle
Nabby
Norma
Patience
Prudence
Sally Christy
Shuah
Sophronia
Tamar
Meroa
Thankful
Temperance
Thirza
Welthy
Zerrviah

THE BALDWINS.

Baldwin is an old German or Scandinavian name, meaning "a bold, courageous friend". One of the first of the names of any prominence was Baldwin, son of Gan, a young French knight, killed with many other noble youths at the battle of Roncevaux, A D 778. The name is clearly proved to be of Danish origin and came with the Norsemen to Normandy.

THE GENEALOGY OF SIX GENERATIONS OF BALDWINS.

Ancestors of Sarah, wife of Ensign Samuel Riggs.

RICHARD BALDWIN OF DOURIGGE, Parish Aston. Clinton Co. of Bur(c)ks. English Yeoman, made will Jan 16, 1552, name spelled Baldwin or Baldwyn. Wife, Ellen Apuke, sister of John, name now Pooke. Children, Henry, John, Richard, Alice, Agnes, Cecily & Lettice.

HENRY (son of Richard and Ellen Apuke) married 1577 or 8 to Alice King, buried June 1, 1602. Wife buried at Aston, Clinton. Nov. 25, 1626.

Children: Richard, buried at Clinton, Ashton. Oct. 14, 1636. m Christian Touchfield or Tuckfield, 1592. No children.
2 Sylvester, 3 John, 4 Robert, 5 Jane, 6 Agnes, 7 Mary.

SYLVESTER BALDWIN (2nd son of Henry and Alice King) continued the family line as his brother died without issue. Sylvester married Jane Wells, Sept. 28, 1590 at Cholesburg. He died before Feb. 18, 1632-3.

Children: 1 George, d young. Buried at Cholesburg Nov 21, 1596.
2 John, buried Feb. 10, 1632. Unmarried.
3 Henry 4 SYLVESTER 5 Richard 6 William
7 Jane 8 Alice.

SYLVESTER BALDWIN, son of Sylvester and Jane Wells Baldwin, came to New England. M. Sarah Bryan or Bryant. He died June 21, 1638 on ship Martin. Sarah (widow of Sylvester) was left wealthy. In 1640 married Capt John Atwood, one of the seven pillars of the Milford Church. She died 1669. The Capt. died 1653 in England where he had gone on business for the colony. Children: ~~xxxxxxx~~ Baptized in Ashton, Clinton Bucks Co England.

1 Sarah, bapt Apr 22, 1621. m Benjamin Fenn of Milford, Co
2 RICHARD bapt Aug 25, 1622
3 Mary ~~xxx~~ bapt Feb 28, 1623-4 buried Nov 3, 1625
4 Mary bapt Feb 19, 1626, m Robert Plum & Wm East, Milford.
5 Martha bapt Apr 20, 1628.
6 Samuel bapt July 1, 1632. buried Jan 4, 1633.
7 Elizabeth, bapt Jan 2, 1634-5 buried 3 days later.
8 John bapt Oct 28, 1635.
9 Ruth, died young.

RICHARD (son of Sylvester and Sarah Bryan) bapt Aug 25, 1622 came with or before his father to America and settled in Milford, Conn. He was evidently well educated as seen by his writing. He appeared frequently before the Gen. Court at New Haven, and his arguments were redolent of the shrewd technical manner of the time. He had probably been in some attorneys office, perhaps in London. A position the Baldwins of Bucks and Herts inclined. Influenced no doubt by their probable kinsman, John Chief Justice. Richard, most likely was in the office of his Uncle Henry, a lawyer. His homestead in Milford in 1640 was No 2 of 3 acres. He was prominent in the settlement of Derby. He married Feb 15, 1642-3, Elizabeth Alsop of New Haven. She survived him and married in 1670, Wm Fowler, Jr.

Children; All baptized in Milford.

- 1 Richard bapt Sept 1644
- 2 Sylvanus bapt Nov 20, 1646 m Mildred Pondolen
- 3 SARAH bapt Apr 1649 m Samuel Riggs
- 4 Temperance bapt June 29, 1651 m Nathan Borwell
- 5 Mary bapt Nov 6, 1653. m Daniel Comstock
- 6 Theophilus bapt Apr 26, 1659 died 1697-8
- 7 Zechariah bapt Sept 22, 1660
- 8 Martha bapt Apr 11, 1663
- 9 Barnabas bapt 1665.

SARAH (dau of Richard and Elizabeth Alsop Baldwin) bapt Apr. 1, 1649. m Ensign Samuel Riggs.

Line continued in the Riggs Genealogy.

Some Distinguished Descendants of Edward(1) & Edward(2)

JOHN HANKINS WALLACE(9) The compiler of the Riggs Family Genealogy- son of Elizabeth Hankins Wallace(8) Elizabeth Riggs Hankins (7) Joseph Riggs of Hightstown(6) David(5) Edward(4) Edward(3) Edward (2) Edward(1). Born Aug 16, 1822 in Alleghany Co. Pa on his fathers farm. Taught school. Married Ellen J Ewing of Uniontown, Pa. Oct 2, 1845. Settled on a farm in Iowa, later a merchant. Found his forte when he was elected Secretary of the Iowa State Agricultural Society. First he secured legislative recognition and support of the Society. He devoted himself to the improvement of breeds of domestic animals especially the trotting horse, traveling thousands of miles, studying, writing collectively and classifying statistics and so forth. He published the first of Wallaces American Trotting Register in 1871, the second in 1874 and the other 7 volumes at intervals. Established in New York City a new magazine, Wallaces Monthly. In 1891 Mr Wallace sold out his establishment, including all rights to his publications to a Chicago Syndicate. That year his wife died. In 1893, he married Ellen Wallace Veech, daughter of the Hon James Veech of Pittsburgh. After spending about two years in travel, they settled down to a quiet life in New York City. He had become interested in geneology in tracing the line of descent of his grandmother Elizabeth Riggs(7) daughter of Joseph Riggs(6) of Hightstown. Soon finding himself as he expressed it in a trackless maze, he went to Boston and found the true starting point in the town records of Roxbury. His business however caused him to drop the subject for about a quarter of a century. Finally with leisure once more he resumed the work and the "Geneology of the Riggs Family with a few Cognate Branches" was published in 1901. He began immediately to gather material for an enlarged and emended edition, but died in 1903. He left no children and there is no one to carry on the work.

Two Noted Dentists.

ALFRED RIGGS (8) son of Miles(7) Joseph(6) Miles(5) Joseph(4) Edward(3) Edward(2) Edward(1) born at Groton, NY June 20, 1800. Married Abigail Watson, dau of Rev Royal Tyler of Andover, Conn. on Oct 13, 1828. During his earlier years a popular teacher of both District and Singing Schools in Tompkins Co. NY. After marriage engaged in mercantile pursuits in Lyons and later in Groton. In 1836 removed to New York City and established himself in the practice of dentistry. He was the inventor and patentee of the application of atmospheric pressure to plates for artificial teeth. In 1855 removed to Brooklyn, then to Plainfield, NJ. Died Nov 24, 1871, buried at Potodam, NY. Elder in Presbyterian Church. His children: Adaline, Rev Herman Camp, Henry Scott, Alfred Tyler.

JOHN MARKLEY RIGGS (8) son of John(7) John (6) Joseph(5) John(4) Samuel(3) Edward(2) Edward(1) was born at Seymour, Conn. Oct. 25, 1811. A Dr Wells, noted dentist in Hartford, Conn. Dec 1844 was so interested and impressed by a lecture by Colton, an itinerant lecturer, illustrated by experiments that he conceived the idea that teeth might be extracted without pain to a person under its influence he sacrificed one of his own largest teeth and after Colton had given him the gas, his friend, Dr Riggs extracted the tooth. This was the first use of anesthetics in surgery and Wells and Riggs continued its use antedating by two years Dr Mortons use of ether. I found the above particulars in an article on "The Discovery of Anesthetics" in Popular Science Library, Vol 15, p 377. Then I wished to discover if this first man to use anesthetics was any of our clan. I saw it was not Alfred Riggs mentioned above, for at that time (1844) he was in New York City. I found in the genealogy another, Charles H. Riggs, dentist in Hartford at this time, but it could not be he as his father, George with Riggs was only fifteen at the time of this event in 1844. However I wrote to Charles H at Hartford and from correspondence with him and a copy of the Dental Magazine he lent me, I compiled the following:

John M. Riggs boyhood was passed at home on his fathers farm where he worked and attended the district school. He disliked farm work but was very ingenious and could go to the forge and make any tool needed and became very proficient in blacksmithing and stone masonry. In 1835, he entered Washington(now Trinity) College with the idea of becoming an Episcopalian minister but gave it up as he did not believe the doctrine of the Trinity. Was graduated in 1837 with the degree of A B. After teaching school for two years he took a partial course in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia and finally turned his attention to Dentistry which he studied with Dr Horace Wells of Hartford. This Dr Wells, with whom he studied and who first conceived the idea of using anesthetics in dentistry, the Riggs performed the first operation, at his suggestion, has a statue erected to his honor in Hartford. Dr Riggs began the practice of Dentistry at Hartford in 1840 and continued it till his death Nov 11, 1885. Dr Riggs may be called the "original father of hygienic care of the mouth".

His motto was "The dentists duty is to see, not how many teeth he can fill, but how many he can save from decay". At first, as is always the case with the originator of new ideas, his theories were coldly received by his conferees but finally his great success prevailed and he received high honors in his profession. The disease, pyorrhea alveolaris, or teeth separating from the gums was called after him "Riggs Disease" on account of his great persistence, enthusiasm and success in its treatment. He even carried the treatment to the very root and his mechanical genius enabled him to invent and make some tools of extreme delicacy to do the work. Among his distinguished patients was Madame Parepa Rosa, the celebrated opera singer. She said on one occasion "Doctor, I would rather sing two operas than take this treatment". ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ He replied "Madame, I would rather listen to two operas than give this treatment". He used to claim that if we would clean the teeth well enough and often enough there would be no decay. He talked so much about it that people said he had "Riggs Disease" on the brain. It would be well if this good counsel of our clansman, for he was ours, being a New England Riggs as we are, descendant of Samuel (3) and the inheritor of Edwards Derby property when Edward went to New Jersey, if as I say this could be strongly impressed upon and practised by our young people in time to be of avail. It would indeed be well for their future. How much suffering is caused by diseased teeth. And what injury is caused to the general system-particularly the digestive. He never contributed to periodicals as he had an aversion to writing, but his voice was often heard in meetings and conventions of Dental Surgeons. In 1881 he went to Europe and participated in the deliberations and discussions of the 7th International Medical Congress in London before which he gave clinical lectures and demonstrations on the prophylactic treatment of teeth and gums.

Characteristics: Marked individuality of character, independent and profound thinker, called by some "Old Socrates" - fearless in expressing his views. Originally a "Whig", one of the foremost in the formation of the Republican party. An Abolitionist but acted with the Republicans. In religion, a naturalist but attended the Centinarian Church.

Personal Appearance : Striking - abundant gray hair, full gray beard and face showing the stamp of intellect. Never married, little business ability, careless in keeping his accounts. According to his wish, his remains were incinerated in Remington Crematory and the ashes buried at his birthplace, Seymour, Conn.

The Humphreys.

LADY HUMPHREYS OR SARAH RIGGS HUMPHREYS (5) dau of Capt John Riggs (4) Samuel (3) Edward (2) Edward (1) was born at Derby, Conn. Dec 17, 1710. She first married John Bowers Nov 22, 1732. He died Jan 26, 1738 and their two children died the same year. She married second Rev Daniel Humphreys and became the mother of a distinguished family. The Rev Humphreys was graduated from Yale in 1732, ordained minister at Derby in 1733 where he was pastor for more than half a century. He was very intellectual and scholarly. Mrs Humphreys was remarkably intelligent and endowed with many graces of person as well as of mind. These qualities were transmitted to her descendants. For many years she was always known and spoken of as Lady Humphreys. Rev Daniel died 1787 and two months afterwards she was placed at his side. A D.A.R. Chapter at Derby is called the "Sarah Riggs Humphreys Chapter. There were five children of whom the most distinguished was the youngest, David Humphreys.

GENERAL DAVID HUMPHREYS, Born July 10, 1752. As he was passionately fond of books his father sent him to Yale at the age of fifteen where he graduated with distinguished honors in 1771. He became noted for his poetical tastes while in college. When the Revolutionary War broke out he received a Captains Commission and was soon afterwards appointed, Aid De Camp to General Putnam. Sometime afterward General Washington took him on his own staff as aid de camp and private secretary. He distinguished himself greatly as a man of courage and brain at the battle of Yorktown where he had a separate command. When the British surrendered Col. Humphreys had the distinguished honor of receiving from Lord Cornwallis the English colors and by special appointment of Washington, carried them to Congress. In the following November, Congress voted him an elegant sword. He was appointed Secretary of Legation at Paris under Jefferson, then minister to Portugal, next to Spain, where he remained until 1802. While in Spain looking after the diplomatic welfare of his country he perfected and carried out a purpose that has added many millions to the wealth of the Continent. In Spain he carefully studied the character of the best Merino sheep, the quality of their wool and of the clothes manufactured from it. He went forward at his own cost and shipped a hundred head to this country in a small sailing vessel of 200 tons, and 91 head arrived safely at his home in Derby, Conn. the first Merino sheep to reach this country. I was reading the other day of someone whose name has escaped me, that among other things he was noted as one of the first to import Merino sheep, they did not however claim he was the first as that honor undoubtedly belongs to the distinguished and versatile son of Sarah Riggs, dau of our Samuel (3) and niece of our Ebenezer (4). One of our own, the New England Clan. He also engaged largely, for that period, in the manufacture of clothes, and it is said that the cloth of the suit in which Thomas Jefferson was inaugurated President was made and presented to him by General Humphreys. Little is known of his domestic relations except that he married a very wealthy English

The Humphreys (cont)

lady whose home was in Boston. During the Revolutionary War his rank was Colonel, the advanced title of General was conferred by his own state when he was appointed to the command of the militia of Conn. on the breaking out of the War of 1812. He died Feb 21, 1818 and was buried in the New Haven Cemetery where his monument stands. No issue.

MAJOR ELIJAH HUMPHREYS, 3rd son of Sarah Riggs and Rev Humphreys was also a soldier in the Revolution. Born at Derby, Apr 27, 1746. Was town clerk of Derby for a number of years. Married Anna Mansfield, dau of Rev Dr Mansfield, an Episcopal (Church of England) Clergyman at Derby who was a strong adherent of the Mother Country. Major Elijah was an officer in the American Army during the Revolutionary War. Five children. One tradition is that he had three horses shot under him. Another is that he took his father in law prisoner while he was seeking to pass within the English lines at Long Island. He kept him prisoner and when he was exercising his clerical ~~functions~~ functions a guard of soldiers were present to pull him down at the first intimation of a sentiment in favor of the British, This however being considered harsh treatment the Major appointed his brother John Humphreys to act as censor.

JOHN HUMPHREYS. Born at Derby Conn. Jan 3, 1744. Second son of Rev Humphreys and Sarah Riggs, was a farmer on a large scale. He married Rachel Durand Feb 11, 1773 who was celebrated for efficiency in the management on a large scale of her household of thirteen children and many hired men.

DANIEL HUMPHREYS, eldest son of Sarah Riggs and Rev Humphreys was born at Derby, Conn. May 18, 1740. Graduated from Yale College at the age of 17. Studied law. Settled at Portsmouth, NH. Was State Attorney for many years. Died Sept 30, 1827.

The geneology gives us no information concerning Sarah, only daughter of Sarah Riggs and Rev Humphreys except that she was born July 20, 1748, the fourth of the five children of the family and that she married Rev S. Mills.

JUDGE JEREMIAH RIGGS.

JEREMIAH RIGGS (7) son of Jeremiah(6)Ebenezer(5)Ebenezer(4) Samuel(3)Edward 2 & 1. Was born at Litchfield, Conn. Mar 2, 1778. He learned the trade of a cloth dresser. January 9, 1803 he married Lucy Peck and settled at Avon, NY where he built a grist and saw mill with a leather dressing and carding works attached. In this venture he prospered for many years. In the war of 1812, he was commissary for Ball's regiment of mounted volunteers. He was next appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas by Gov. Daniel D. Tompkins. In 1828 he removed to Detroit, Mich. and was there appointed Master in Chancery by Gov. Lewis Cass and for a time was an overseer of Indian affairs in that territory. He was a man of superior natural abilities, a writer on political questions and a popular public speaker - was generally designated as "Judge Riggs". He died at Fenton, Mich. June 22, 1850 and was buried with Masonic Honors. Married three times. Ten children. 6 sons and 4 daughters.

REUBEN RIGGS.

REUBEN RIGGS (7) son of Timothy 2nd(6) Timothy of N Carolina (5) Samuel(4) Edward 3 2 and 1. Was born in Missouri about 1792. He is mentioned here on account of his unique experience owing to his loyalty during the Civil War. He was a man well liked by the community where he lived, had considerable property and was robbed by the "Bushwackers" several times during the war, and at one time was hanged to one of his apple trees but was rescued by a neighbor before he was quite dead. He lived some years after and died at a good old age. He had ten children of whom;

RILEY, b about 1840 was Lieutenant in the Union Army and killed during the war.

GEORGE, the youngest, b about 1842 died in the army at New Orleans.

CLERGYMEN, LINQUISTS AND MISSIONARIES.

REVEREND ELIAS RIGGS (7) son of Preserve(6) Zebulon(5) Joseph(4) Edwards 3, 2 and 1. He was a Presbyterian Clergyman, on of the New Jersey Clan. Of his eight children (2 of whom died in infancy) two sons became clergymen and two daughters married clergymen. His most illustrious descendant was:

REVEREND ELIAS RIGGS, D.D.L.L.D. (8) Clergyman, linguist & mission. Born Providence, NJ Nov. 10, 1810. Graduated from Amherst College 1829 and from Andover Theological Seminary 1882. Married Martha Jane Dalzell of Mendham, N.J. Ordained missionary and went abroad under care of American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. In Athens, Greece 1832-1834. In Smyrna, 1838-1853. The rest of his life was spent in Constantinople, Turkey till his death Jan. 17, 1901 except 1852-53 when he taught Hebrew and the cognate languages in the Theological Seminary, NY while he was superintending the electrotyping of his own Armenian translation of the Bible. He translated the Bible also into Hungarian and assisted in the revision of the Turkish translation. Most of his work was done in the modern Greek, Armenian and Bulgarian and Turkish languages but he was acquainted with upwards of twenty more. He also published many grammars, manuals, vocabularies, etc in these languages and in Chaldee. He received the degree of D.D. from Dartmouth College in 1853 and of L.L.D. from his Alma Mater in 1871. His eight children, of whom some died young, were all born abroad. I found his name a household word with the young armenians attending the Troy High School. 1901 to 1810. 91 years of age. The Dr celebrated his Golden Wedding in 1882.

REV JAMES FORSYTH RIGGS (9) sone of the above, born in a village near Smyrna, Asia Minor Oct 4, 1852 was reared in Constantinople and prepared by his father for college. Came to the United States in 1868 was graduated from Princeton college with the historical fellowship in 1872 and in 1879 from the General Theological Seminary. Married Isabella Brittin in 1878. Was pastor of churches at different places. From 1892-98 Professor of New Testament Greek in the Theological Seminary of New Brunswick, NJ. In 1882 he revisited Europe and the Levnt, attending the Golden Wedding of his father, Dr Elias Riggs. Had four children.

REV JOSEPH LEWIS RIGGS (8) son of Rev Elias (7) and brother of Dr Elias (8) born at New Providence, NJ Mar 19, 1809. Graduated from Amherst, 1831, one year at Andover Theo. Seminary, finished course at Princeton, NJ. ~~Married, May 1, 1844 to Elizabeth Anna Roosa, dau of Rev Egbert Roosa of Wells, Pa.~~ Married, May 1, 1844 to Elizabeth Anna Roosa, dau of Rev Egbert Roosa of Wells, Pa. It will be remembered that "Elizabeth Roosa" was the name of the girl Edward (2) Riggs married 209 years before this event and the blood proved good. He engaged in pastoral work a few years but his health failing, he died August 20, 1865 leaving sin children.

HANNAH RIGGS MONTFORT (8) dau of Elias(7) & sister of Elias(8) born at Providence, NJ Aug 16, 1815. Married Oct 8, 1839, Rev. Joseph Glass Montfort, son of Rev Francis Montfort. He has been engaged in ministerial work in Ohio & Ky. 3 children.

PHEBE RIGGS POTTER (8) dau of Rev Elias (7) was born at New Providence, NJ July 17, ~~1817~~ x 1817. Married Rev Samuel S. Potter, Presbyterian preacher and general agent for the "Herald and Presbyter" of Cincinnati, Ohio. 8 children.

REV JOSEPH LEWIS POTTER D.D. (9) son of Phebe (8) and Rev Samuel Potter, grandson of Rev Elias Riggs (7) and nephew of Elias (8). Born Dec 22, 1848. Early education from his father. Graduated from Princeton University, also pursued his Theological studies at same place. Foreign Missionary. Married Harriet Riggs of Snecasunna, now called Lodgewood, dau of Albert Rose Riggs (8) Silas (7) Preserve (6) Zebulon (5) Joseph (4) & Edwards 3, 2 and 1. They sailed at once for their new field of labor (Teheran, Persia) to which they had been assigned by Presbyterian Board of Missions. Two children.

REV CYRUS RIGGS (7) son of Joseph (6) Gideon (5) Joseph (4) and the three Edwards. Born in Morristown, NJ Oct 15, 1774. Died Feb 14, 1849. Presbyterian Clergyman preached in various places in Pa and Ill. 8 children, his eldest daughter was

HANNAH RIGGS (8) born Aug 17, 1798. Never married but spent 11 years as a missionary among the Ottawa Indians during which time she suffered many privations and had many attacks of chills and fever. Died in Kansas Sept. 15, 1870.

REV CYRUS CARPENTER RIGGS D D (8) youngest son of Rev Cyrus (7) born in Mercer Co, Pa Apr 13, 1810 graduate of Jefferson College Cannonsburgh, Pa and of W. Theo Sm at Alleghany, Pa. Married Mary Cleveland, dau of Nathaniel Todd of Alleghany City). He was an active preacher in many churches in W Pa. Died at Beaver Falls, Pa Aug. 29, 1883. 4 children.

REV STEPHEN RETURN RIGGS, DD,LLD. Son of Stephen (7) Joseph (6) Gideon (5) Joseph (4) and Edwards 1, 2 & 3. Born at Steubenville, O. Mar 23, 1812. Graduated from Jeff Coll, Wash Co. Pa in 1834. Prosecuted his Theo studies at W Theo Sem, Alleghany Co., Pa. Married Mary Ann C Longly of Hawley, Mass and went immediately as a Missionary of the A B C F M to the ~~XXXXXX~~ Sioux or Dakota Indians to whom he devoted 40 years of his life. These Indians were wild and warlike. The first work of Dr Riggs was to study their language and in collaboration with Dr T S Williamson, give them a written language. After completing a grammar and dictionary, the Bible was translated into the language, completed in 1878. In 1873, Beloit College conferred upon him the degree of LLD. Of his nine children, two sons became clergymen and one daughter married a missionary.

REV ALFRED LONGLEY RIGGS DD (9) eldest son of Rev Stephen Riggs (8) born at Lac-qui-parle, Minn Dec 6, 1837. Graduate of Knox College Galesburg, Ill. and Chicago Theo Sem. In June 1863, married Mary B Hatch (B at LeRoy NY May 20, 1840). Preached for a few years in Ill and Wis but the great business of his life has been among

the Indians where he was born. He finally settled at the Santee Agency in Nebraska June 1870. Of his five children the first was born at Eckport, Ill, the second at Centre, Wisc, the others at Santee Agency.

REV THOMAS LAWRENCE RIGGS (9) second son of Rev Stephen, born at Lac-qui-parle, Minn June 3, 1847. He was educated at Beloit, College and Chicago Sem. Congregational minister, missionary among the Dakota Indians. Married twice - 3 children.

MRS ISABELLA BURGESS RIGGS WILLIAMS (9) dau of Rev Stephen(8) born at Lac-qui-parle, Minn Feb 21, 1840. Married Feb 21, 1866. to Rev W Mark Williams. Soon after marriage they went as missionaries to Kalgen, China. After thirteen years they returned to a family reunion at Santee with six children, all born in China. The escape of this family from massacre by the Boxers in 1900 is one of the most thrilling events of all that bloody tragedy.

I will speak of only one more of the clerics in our family, one known to some. Rev James Stevenson Riggs DD (9) son of Edward(8) Ogden(7) Cyranus(6) Joseph, Esq(5) Joseph(4) and the three Edwards. Born in New York City June 16, 1853. Graduated from Troy NY High School. Graduated from Princeton College, 1874. Studied in Germany, 1875. Taught Classics in Peekskill, 1876-77. Grad from Auburn Theo Sem. 1880. Pastor of Presbyterian Church in Fulton, NY ~~1880-1884~~ 1880-84. Called to Auburn Theo Sem. as assistant professor 1884. Finally made full professor of New Testament Dept. Married Laura A Burroughs of Medina, NY 1880.

NOTES.

Imperfect as is the work of Wallace, especially in our branch, there are many interesting items to be gathered from its pages. It is wonderful how the descendants of the two Edwards have increased, multiplied and spread over the earth. East and West and in foreign countries. In Ridpaths Literature, the name of the author of Penelopes Progress and other works is given as Kate Douglas Riggs, probably married one of the California Riggses. There are among our tribe as Wallace calls the Riggses, many lawyers, doctors, clergymen of different denominations, editors, soldiers in all the wars. People highly respected and trusted by their neighbors - some sad stories - some rather amusing but little to disapprove.

ZENAS RIGGS (6) son of Reuben (5) Samuel(4) three Edwards was born in N J Jan 5, 1760. He entered the Colonial Army at the age of 17 and was in a number of skirmishes as well as the Battle of Cowpers.

SAMUEL RIGGS (7) son of John Esq(6) Joseph(5) John(4) Samuel(3) and the two Edwards, born at Derby where he and his wife, Charity, had twentyone children, many of whom died in infancy.

PHILIP RIGGS (6) son of David(5) and four Edwards. Born in Pa. In 1795 moved to Yates Co. NY where he lost and buried five wives in succession and was called the Widower from Pa." Had 4 sons and 5 daughters noted in Yates Co for their intellect and popularity.

MOSES RIGGS (7) son of Edward(6) John(5) Ebenezer(4) Samuel(3) and two Edwards, born April 10, 1760, like Zenas(6) mentioned above, entered the Revolutionary Army while still in his teens and saw active service in the field

GIDEON RIGGS (7) son of David(6) Timothy of NC(5) Samuel(4) and three Edwards, born in North Carolina in 1790. Removed to Tennessee in 1810. Was a soldier under General Jackson in the war of 1812. Married three times, one child each time. First wife, Mary Reynolds, grand daughter of his uncle Reuben Riggs, their daughter was named Marzee. His ~~third~~ third wife was the mother of his only son, Gideon, who inherited the old homestead at "Riggs Cross Roads" where the father died at the age of 81.

LAUREN P RIGGS (8) descended from Ebenezer(5) son of our Ebenezer (4) born and married in NY state but pushed on and on till in 1847 he settled at Mackinaw. His eldest son, Claudius Herrick, died in the Mexican War at Vera Cruz.

JOHN RIGGS ESQ(6) descendant of John(4), son of our Samuel (3) born at Derby, Conn. Apr 10, 1742, died June 18, 1814. Was a soldier in the Revolution and during fifty-five years town magistrate. His ten children and fifty-two grand children present at his funeral and a suitable monument marks his resting place in Oxford Cemetary.

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